

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 14, 2014

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Moses Gross, Chairman, Dist. 2	Kenneth E. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 3,
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Twink Monahan, County Clerk and Toyna Allen-Brooks Secretary. Media present were Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise and Chris Hurst with WPAX Radio.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Chairman Gross recognized Michael Stephenson who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 board meeting and the September 30, 2014 Budget meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey, and Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Darlene Taylor, State Representative. Representative Taylor gave an update on economic development and Southwestern State Hospital. She stated that she is meeting with Georgia Economic Development on October 21 in Atlanta concerning Southwestern. She also thanked the board for renewing the contract with Taylor Benefit Resources.

Chairman Gross recognized Bill Ross of Ross + associates. Mr. Ross reviewed the Impact Fee Methodology Report in the agenda packet. Mr. Ross stated that on November 25 there will be a public hearing to review the fees and on January 27, 2015 the board can amend the 2007 Impact Fee ordinance. Mr. Ross stated that impact fees can be used for the new 911 Center but not the new software. The recreation funds that are now available has to be spent on parks and recreation in the unincorporated areas of Thomas County.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to proceed with the process to restructure the impact fee ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross called a Public Hearing to receive input for the public with reference to the CDBG-2014 14p-y-136-1-5711 Grant, for Avalon Estates and pine Run Subdivision.

Chairman Gross stated that the grant is for streets and drainage for 96 residents. The total of the grant is \$498,382 with the match from the county being in-kind for labor and equipment.

There were no comments from the public therefore the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner NeSmith asked if the right-of-way had been acquired that involves the current water system. Mr. Warren stated that he can bring a signed copy of her letter stating that she has agreed to donate the right of way as long as the current water system stays in place. Commissioner NeSmith stated that the county does not have a problem with that agreement.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to formally accept the CDBG-2014 14p-y-136-1-5711 Grant for \$498,382 and forward the necessary documents to the Department of Community Affairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to contract with Watkins and Associates, L.L.C. for the engineering for FY 2014 CDBG Project 14p-y-136-1-5711. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel fuel purchase on 10/6/2014 from Plantation Petroleum for 7,500 gallons at \$2.6679 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Hamilton Williams of Greenberg Farrow of Atlanta. Mr. Williams is requesting approval of a minor subdivision plat for the Murphy Express site on US Hwy 319 N. Mr. Williams explained that the property is already zoned commercial and that they have received approval from the DOT to have access on Hwy 319. The deceleration lanes (2) are included in the plat at 175' each with 100' taper for a total of \$275' total.

Commissioner NeSmith and Sheriff Powell commented that the location is a heavy traffic area, northeast of the Hall Road.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minor subdivision plat approval for Murphy Express on US Hwy 319N. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Aaron Coch who is asking for an approval of a revised map of lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, Madison Grove Subdivision and the previously approved map (09/09/14) will not be filed. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Kellie Overmeir, Barwick City Clerk. Barwick has submitted a letter to the board asking for assistance from the Building Maintenance Department. They are moving the city hall to a new location in Thomas County and need more electrical outlets and using their annual allowance. The request was turned over to the County Manager to work out with Mr. Lyndall Knight.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the FTA/5311/YT2015 Capital contract, 3 vans (2 with lifts) with the Dept. of Transportation, \$92,045.60 and \$11,505.70 local

match. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Mr. Stephenson reminded the board that there are more options to consider to control the cost of the health insurance and it will be discussed in the budget workshop. He also reported that a few board members visited the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Jasper County. Another day trip is going to be planned.

Mr. Warren reported that the judge ruled in the county's favor about the junkyard at the Boston city limits. Mr. Colvin was found in violation and has 30-days to comply with the setbacks and buffers or he will be held in contempt and fines will be placed.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property's recommendation to authorize the county manager to decide the funding sources for the construction of the 911 Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property's recommendation and proceed with the bid process for a Construction Manager at Risk for the 911 Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Commissioner Grady reminded the board that the Jail/Justice Center Expansion groundbreaking ceremony will be October 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendations to purchase the following items and services and to rebid concrete pipe;

1. Turnout Gear/NAFECO \$38,589.62, Municipal \$6,993.00 Total \$45,582.62
2. Safety Action Plan/Peak Pavement Marking - \$162,338
3. Asphalt, SPLOST/Scruggs Company, \$67.50/Ton, \$1,350,000 est.
4. Striping-SPLOST/ Peak Pavement Marking - \$31,328.75
5. Concrete Pipe/Rejected sole bid

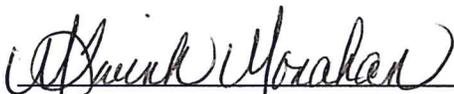
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

The board also had a brief discussion about the 911 software.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.



Moses L. Gross, Chairman



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk