

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 24, 2015

The 6:00 p.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, absent
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 J. Stephenson, Bruce Warren, county attorney, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX, and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Brown who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/10/2015 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the fuel purchase from 2/11/2015 from Plantation Petroleum Products at \$1.74420 per gallon for gas and \$1.9142 per gallon for diesel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Mr. Stephenson reported currently the County has a cash-in-bank balance of \$ 1,392,502 in the Capital Improvement Fund. He requested authorization for the following fund transfers that will bring the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund to \$ 1,792,502.

From the General Fund -	\$ 300,000
From the Emer. Services Fund -	<u>100,000</u>
Total transfer	\$ 400,000

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund and \$100,000 from the Emergency Services Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Mr. Stephenson asked about 100 Black Men having a fund raiser in the Hancock Center Parking Lot. The Thomas Democratic Party has also asked about using the 3rd Floor Courtroom.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to allow for the fund raising at the Hancock Center Parking Lot by 100 Black Men. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker.

During discussion Commissioner Mays stated a policy was put in place to manage public use of government property and facilities. (1/8/2013) She stated that the policy should be followed and application be made.

Commissioner Brown withdrew his motion and Commissioner Baker withdrew his 2nd.

Chairman Gross recognized Alton Burns. Mr. Burns stated that he has a solar panel array system installed at his home in Coolidge Georgia. He asked for the board to join in the battle to curb our carbon emissions and consider installing solar on some of our county facilities. He is also a member of the Ochlocknee River Water Trails and training to take water samples and test for bacteria and E-coli with the Golden Triangle and Adopt-A-Stream organizations. He asked if Thomas County could help with some trash bags and picking up the collected, bagged trash they are picking up along the Ochlocknee watershed. He also spoke about the proposed 36" gas line running from Alabama to Florida.

Chairman Gross recognized Al Bryan. Mr. Bryan gave a positive report of AARP's progress at the library filing tax returns.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who gave a report from the Purchasing Committee. Commissioner NeSmith thanked Mr. Stephenson and staff for preparing the vehicle purchases for 2015. Since the funds are available now it is recommended to purchase all of the units listed in the agenda package now, noting that overall the units came in at \$12,658.39 under budget and 8 of the 11 units are being purchased from a local dealership.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the following purchases; Building Maintenance, ¾ ton pickup truck from Hardy Family Ford for \$23,324 and from Park Built the body for \$5,455, \$28,779; Code Enforcement, Dodge ½ ton pickup truck from Stallings Automotive for \$20,824; Vice/Drug Squad, Dodge ½ ton pickup with a police package from Carl Gregory and the emergency equipment from West Chatham for \$25,657.00; ½ ton Dodge pickup with police package from West Chatham for \$30,510.06; and the Sheriff's Office (6) and Resource Officer (1) Dodge Charger pursuit vehicles and the emergency equipment from West Chatham for a total of \$289,484.30. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Department	Description	Vendor	Cost	Cutoff Date & Budget	Budget Status
Building Maintenance (1) Budget \$35,000	3/4 T Pickup	Hardy Family Ford	\$23,324.00	2/27/2015	
		Park Built	<u>\$5,455.00</u>		
			<u>\$28,779.00</u>		

Code Enforcement (1) Budget \$24,000.00	1/2 T Pickup	Stallings Automotive	\$20,824.00	5/29/2015	
				\$3,176.00	Under
Vice (1) Budget \$36,000	1/2 T Pickup	Carl Gregory West	\$25,657.00	5/29/2015	
	Police Package	Chatham	<u>\$9,463.06</u>	\$879.94	Under
			\$35,120.06		
Patrol (1) Budget 28,693.06	1/2 T Pickup	Carl Gregory West	\$25,657.00	5/29/2015	
	Police Package	Chatham	<u>\$4,853.06</u>	\$1,817.00	Over
			<u>\$30,510.06</u>		
Sheriff's Office (6) Resource Officer (1) Budget \$260,165.99	Dodge Charger	Stallings West	\$24,238.00	5/1/2015	
	Pursuit	Chatham	<u>\$12,758.32</u>		
			\$36,996.32	ea.	
	Quantity 7 Total	7	<u>\$258,974.24</u>	\$1,191.75	Under
	Total Sheriff's Budget	\$288,857.00	8	\$289,484.30	Over-\$627.30
	Total Recommendation		\$374,207.36		
	Total Amount Under Budget for vehicle purchases		\$12,658.39		

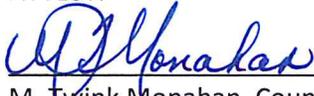
Committee meeting scheduled are Road Committee 2/26, Purchasing 3/3, and Public Property at 3/5/2015, all at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Brown will be scheduling a personnel meeting.

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



Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk