

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
April 28, 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
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, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Hickey gave in 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 April 14, 2015 Board meeting and Executive Session. 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 Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase on 4/27/2015 from Petroleum Products for \$1.9950 per gallon. 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 recognized Alicia Hester, Thomas County Tax Collector. Ms. Hester explained that Georgia Code outlines how disbursements of collections, interest and penalties and refunds of taxes and license fees conducted. Ms. Hester explained that she and Mr. Stephenson discussed the distribution funds to the county. Since the code states that the county should receive disbursements weekly, Ms. Hester is requesting that there be a written agreement between the county and her office to vary from this schedule.

Mr. Stephenson said that it will be acceptable for the county to receive funds monthly during the year and during tax season to receive funds every two (2) weeks. He also stated that Ms. Hester has been very prompt and efficient with all disbursements since she took office.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to enter into agreement with Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner, to waive the O.C.G.A. requirement for weekly disbursement and allow monthly disbursement of collections during the year and during property tax season disbursement every two (2) weeks. 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 Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to enter into agreement with Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner, to waive the O.C.G.A. requirement for weekly disbursement and allow monthly disbursement of interest and penalties during the year and during property tax season disbursement every two (2) weeks. 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 recognize Commissioner Brown who made a motion to enter into agreement with Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner, to waive the O.C.G.A. requirement that a taxpayer file a claim with the county governing authority for refunds of taxes and license fees and allow the Tax Commissioner to make refunds of erroneously or illegally assessed and collected from the taxpayer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. 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 approve the FY2015 Department of Corrections Capacity Agreement for 185 state inmates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the Town of Ochlocknee's request to waive the roll-off fee for Project Spring Cleaning event with the Town of Ochlocknee being responsible for the tipping fees. 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.

Michael Stephenson reviewed the New Purpose Innovation Evaluation and the employee recommendations.

Bruce Warren presented a hold harmless agreement between the county and the City of Pavo to assemble their playground equipment.

Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hold Harmless agreement for the City of Pavo., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mays. Approved unanimously

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

  
Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk