

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
July 14, 2015

The 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 J. Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Brown gave in invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Board meeting. 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 asked Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioner to present Group 22 and 23 certificates for the completion of the Deming Management.

Eric Butler	Emer. Medical	David D. McGrath	Fire
Travis Carver	Emer. Medical	Frank Mitchell	Fire
Dustin Clark	Fire	Shantina Morehead	E-911
Kimberly Daniels	E-911	Ivory Norwood	Emer. Medical
Naise E. Gordon	E-911	Jake Parnell	Emer. Medical
Roy Hopkins, Jr.	Public Works	Antonio Smith, Jr.	Public Works
James M. Knight	Public Works	Jasmine N. Wright	E-911
Julian Knight	Public Works		

Chairman Gross recognized Ellen Bosman, Executive Director of the Keep Thomas County Beautiful. Ms. Bosman reviewed the State of the Community Report, Litter Index, with the board. The report shows an index comparison for 2012-2015. She also explained that she is coordinating with Pat Smith, Thomas County Code Enforcement Officer, for the Foxcroft Community Improvement Day. She reported that a date has not been set.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to appoint Jennifer Reynolds to a 5-year term to the Department of Family and Children Services Advisory Board, term expiring 6/31/2020. 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 Ansley who made a motion to declare surplus the flag pole from the 101 S. Broad Street Tax Offices and donate and assist to erect the flagpole to the City of Barwick. 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 ratify the purchase of 7,500 gallons of gas from Petroleum Products at \$2.27 per gallon on June 25 and 7,500 gallons of diesel from Petroleum Products at \$1.9350 per gallon on July 1, 2015. 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 accept the petition to have Hendry Cemetery Road, CR#159, a county maintained road, paved by the county with all current landowners having signed the petition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. 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 ratify the poll taken on July 8, 2015 to approve a change order to include Haines Street, Metcalfe, in the Blount Construction Metcalfe Road Project contract, estimated total change order for Blount Construction is \$34,639.09. 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.

After Blount Construction is complete with the base of Haines Street, the county will resurface the street. The counties approximate cost of the asphalt will be \$16,000 bringing the total estimated cost to \$50,000.

Michael Stephenson reported that he received a second proposal from Judge Tunison. This proposal differs from the proposal voting on and approved at the June 23 board meeting. The new proposal increases Thomas County's share by \$10,000. With social security and benefits Thomas County's proportionate share has risen to 40% from 22%. Mr. Stephenson said he has sent his concerns to Judge Tunison and they are reviewing them.

Bruce Warren was asked to give an opinion on a letter received Beckey Malphus, Plantation Wildlife Festival Co-Chair. Their request is for a one-time exception to be able to sell beer and wine on Sunday. He stated that county ordinances did not address private event sales on Sunday. Commissioner NeSmith stated that he is emphatically against any Sunday sales. Commissioner Grady asked why the festival was being held on Sunday.

Chairman Gross recognize Commissioner Brown who made a motion to not approve the request for Sunday sales of beer and wine at the Plantation Wildlife Festival. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved. Voting in favor to deny were Commissioners Brown, Grady, NeSmith, Ansley, Hickey. Voting in opposition were Commissioners Gross, Mays and Baker.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase the following; one Ambulance, Taylor Made 2016/17 International Terra Star Ambulance for \$130,225.00 to come out of 2016 Budget; Metal Pipe (Stock), Gulf Atlantic Culvert for \$26,791.86; Poly Pipe (Stock), Ferguson Waterworks for \$10,568.80; Concrete Pipe (Stock) Rinker Materials to be ordered by truckload with pricing varying by size of pipe; Road Signs & Accessories, GCI, Osburn Associates, Universal Signs & Accessories, Vulcan Signs & Traffic Signs, lowest bid per line item. 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 Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase a CCTV System Focus Communications for 43,800.00, including first year Annual Maintenance Agreement for \$2,820.00, totaling \$46,620.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Brown and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Grady abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to adjourn. 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.


Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk