

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 11, 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 (Absent)
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.

Sheriff Powell gave in invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Lee Webb, Executive Director of Thomasville Landmarks. Mr. Webb gave a brief history of the Metcalfe Grant project for street scape and lighting improvements on the main street. He also explained that EMC, the contracted engineering firm, has completed the final draft of the ecological resources. He asked that as the project sponsor for the project Mr. Gross sign the document for processing.

Chairman Gross declared a public hearing to receive public comments concerning the tentative 2015 millage rates, as advertised in the Times-Enterprise on July 25, 2015. Chairman Gross called for comments and being none closed the public hearing.

Chairman Gross recognize Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the 2015 tax millage rates at or below the rollback rates and to accept the Thomas County Board of Education tax millage rate of 14.666. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

RESOLUTION
THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 920
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31799
August 11, 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting for County purposes in a special called meeting and for the purpose of setting millage and levying a tax for 2015, that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and two hundred fifty eight thousandths (9.258) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the incorporated areas of said Thomas County, and that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and two hundred fifty eight thousandths (9.258) mills with a roll back of Insurance Premium Tax of one and two hundred twenty one thousandths (1.221) mills leaving eight and thirty seven thousandths (8.037) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the unincorporated area in said Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for Thomas County

purposes, said rate to be apportioned for legal purposes of said Thomas County under constitutional limitations of the State of Georgia; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said Thomas County purposes, as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: The proper Legislation was enacted and a referendum was held there under as provided therein on June 16, 1965, at which time the voters of Fire District Number 1 and 2, as described in said Legislation approved said Act creating fire districts in Thomas County and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, to levy upon the taxable value of all property within such fire districts for fire protection purposes in said districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that three and two hundred sixty thousandths (3.260) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 1, and three and two hundred fifty one thousandths (3.251) mills upon taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said Fire District 2, as described in said act creating Fire Districts in Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purposes by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted Resolution dated December 9, 1986, that there is created within Thomas County, Georgia, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II, paragraph VI, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, of 1983, a special service district to be known as Fire District No. 3 of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that two and three hundred seventy eight thousandths (2.378) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 3, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted a Resolution dated February 11, 2003 that there is created in Thomas County, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, a special service district to be known as Emergency Service District of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in a regular meeting for County Purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that one and seven hundred eighty six thousandths (1.786) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said county Emergency Services District, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing emergency services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

WHEREAS: The proper authorities of the State of Georgia, have levied for General Purposes including the support of the State of Georgia:

Five hundredths mills (.05) upon the taxable value of all property located in incorporated and unincorporated areas of Thomas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, that it

be and is hereby ordered that said mills above be assessed for State purposes and that the Tax Commissioner of said Thomas County, be instructed to collect the same as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: the Board of Education of Thomas County, Georgia, having recommended a levy of fourteen and six hundred sixty six thousandths mills (14.666) on all taxable property in said Thomas County, not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, for the support and maintenance of education for County-wide schools, as provided by law for the taxable year of 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting that the taxable year 2015 a tax of fourteen and six hundred sixty six thousandths mills (14.666) for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools be levied on each one dollar of all the taxable property in said Thomas County not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County, Georgia, be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools for the taxable year of 2015 as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Commissioner is hereby instructed to set a due date of November 15, 2015 for 2015 taxes.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the name change and grant a retail beer and wine license for Circle K Stores, Inc., d/b/a Circle K #2723897, 10317 Highway 84 East at Liberty Drive, Thomasville, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the 2015-2016 Safety Discount Verifications for ACCG Workers Compensation and Property and Casualty meeting all requirements of the ACCG Safety Discount Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Hickey discussed the the Scenic Route Memorandum of Understanding presented by the Georgia Department of Transportation. He stated that several counties along the Historic Dixie Hwy Scenic Byway are county maintained road, Thomas County's portion of the highway, Georgia 3, is a state road. The county will send a letter of appreciation to the Department of Transportation for the designation but that the county is not in agreement with the terms.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to award the following bids for fire department's turn-out gear totaling \$57,402.64;

- Award to NAFECO 7 sets Turn-Out Gear \$12,212.27 270-3505-531197 Central Fire & 17 sets Turn-Out Gear \$29,658.37 272-3500-531197
NAFECO Total \$41,870.64
- Award to Municipal Equipment 7 Sets Helmets, Boots, Gloves & Hoods \$4,235.00 270-3505-531197 & 17 sets Helmets, Boots, Gloves & Hoods \$10,285.00, 4 pr. Replacement Boots \$1,012.00 272-3500-531197
- **Municipal Equipment Total \$15,532.00**

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

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing committee to award the purchase of a new server for E-911 from Dell at \$15,614.94 with a 7-year warranty. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property Committee's recommendation to purchase furniture for the remodeled Magistrate Court offices from Ponders at \$15,614.94, \$15,000 from GeneralF Budget and \$614.94 from 2012 SPLOST funds designated for furniture in the Jail Justice Center accounts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property Committee's recommendation to approve a change order to CCH on the Jail Justice Center project changing all 9 bathroom to tile from VCT for a net cost change of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Committee meetings for August 12 were announced: Road Committee at 8:00 a.m. followed by Finance Committee meeting.

Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner, stated that she will take the digest to the Department of Atlanta on Thursday and when approved the tax notices should go out on September 1.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Hickey 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, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.


Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk