

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 25, 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, Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was 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 Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015, July 29, 2015 and August 11, 2015 Board meetings. 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 Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to ratify the action taken by a poll of the board on 8/13/15 to amend the 2015 budget with the balance of the 2015 Budget for personal property audits by Mendola and Associates, \$24,450 balance from a 2014 contract. 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.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to ratify the Road Committee's action to approve and amend Scruggs Company's contract for an additional \$870,042.43 for a 2" binder and 1 ½" asphalt top surface for the Metcalfe Road a 2012 SPLOST project. 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 Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve and accept the 2014 Audit as presented and pay Simmons, mills and Simmons, P.C. the balance of their invoice \$23,100, for the completion of the 2014 audit. 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.

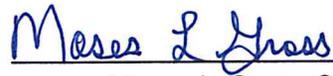
The board discussed the Decatur County hazardous fuel tank fire last week where Thomas County firefighters provided mutual aid to Bainbridge and Decatur County. Mr. Stephenson stated that earlier this year Thomas County trained for this type of incident and that many departments in this general area are not trained for this type of hazardous incident.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss real estate. 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 enter into open session reporting there is no action to be taken.

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



Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk