

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
September 22, 2015

The 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Moses Gross, Chairman, Dist. 2  
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1  
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5  
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Kenneth E. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 3  
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4  
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6  
J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Commissioner NeSmith 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 from the 9/8/2015 board meeting. 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 fuel purchased on 9/17/2015; Petroleum Products, Gas for \$1.5094 per gallon and Plantation Petroleum, Diesel for \$1.5360 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 Kay Cromartie of 122 Norias Road. She, along with Cody Reese, and Suzanna Winton, submitted a petition signed by 39 people requesting the Winterpast Road remain open. It is their understanding that Mr. Phipps is going to request that the road be closed to public travel. Bruce Warren explained the road closing procedure and that it would require a public hearing. Mrs. Cromartie asked that she be notified when the board considers closing the road.

Chairman Gross recognized Jay Ridenhower, Thomas County Environmental Health Manager. Mr. Ridenhower explained that he is in a 14 County District. The fees charged for their services have not been adjusted since January 2001. He presented an updated fee schedule that all counties are reviewing and that with this fee schedule all counties will have like schedules.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule presented with an effective date of 30-days from approval. 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 Bill Eddings, Planning and Zoning Director and Chief Building Inspector, and Pat Smith, Code Enforcement Officer. They explained that they have been working with the residents and landowners on Foxcroft Drive to clean-up the neighborhood. They are requesting the board

approve the Foxcroft Community Day project and allow them permission to go on private property for the event. The Foxcroft Community Day is set for October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Foxcroft Community Day project and allow employees to go on private property. 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.

Several committee meetings were set: Personnel, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.; Public Property October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.; Solid Waste October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.; and Road, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to appoint Commissioner Grady as Thomas County delegate at the Legislative Conference October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 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