

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 27, 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 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 NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/13/2015 board meeting. 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 Commissioner Elaine Mays who read and presented a proclamation designating November 1, 2015 as Retired Educators Day in Thomas County. The proclamation was received by Judy Ament.

Proclamation

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
"Retired Educators' Day"
November 1, 2015

Whereas, The Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed Sunday, November 1, 2015 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia; and

Whereas, *There are more than 114,000 retired educators in Georgia who devoted their time, energies and talents to public education, providing the academic development of millions of outstanding Georgia citizens; and*

Whereas, The retired educators of Georgia donate thousands of hours of volunteer services and make invaluable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across Thomas County and state; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make for the betterment of human lives and society; and

Whereas, Citizens of Thomas County, Georgia are grateful for the work done by retired educators around the county, state and nation. We commend them for their time and commitment to bettering our county; now

Therefore, I, Moses L. Gross Chairman of Thomas County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 1, 2015 as "**Retired Educators' Day**" and I call upon all citizens of Thomas County to observe that day in an appropriate manner honoring retired educators.

Given unto my hand and seal at Thomas County, Georgia, on the 27th day of October, in the year of the Lord, 2015

Chairman Gross recognized Ellen Bosman. Ms. Bosman presented the board with the 2015 Keep Thomas County Beautiful annual report. It was reported that the Fox Croft Community Day had a good turnout and resulting in 3 tons of litter and 46 tires picked up.

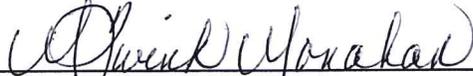
Chairman Gross recognized Al Bryan of Meigs Georgia. Mr. Bryan updated the board concerning the AARP income tax preparation services. He reported this year the volunteers were able to assistance more than 200 citizens prepare their tax returns. They are looking for volunteers for next year. They are available on Tuesdays, 8 hours per day with 2 shifts.

Chairman Gross recognized Glen Hallam, Solze X, LLC. He explained that SolzeX is a research company gathering data across the country concerning 'pocket calls' made to 911 centers. The data gathered shows that it is costly and time consuming for the centers. He said that he is interested in partnering with the county and left his contact information.

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