

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
November 10, 2015

The 9:00 a.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 Chris Hurst, WPAX

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 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 Al Bryan, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Mr. Bryan explained The Great promise Program/Partnership. This is a Governor's program to reduce the high school drop-out rate in Georgia. The targeted students who have joined the program have reached a 99% graduation rate. These students need viable jobs in the community, 15 to 20 hours per week. Commissioner NeSmith asked Mr. Bryan to get with Michael Stephenson, County Manager to see if the opportunity is there in the county workforce.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the 10/30/2015 purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products; gas \$1.6190 and diesel \$1.5490 per gallon. 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 Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the purchase of asphalt for Egg & Butter Road and Lillie Lane driveways, Scruggs Company, \$61,061. 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.

Commissioner NeSmith explained that at the next Purchasing meeting bids will be opened for asphalt for 2016 projects and utilize the Georgia DOT asphalt and fuel index.

Chairman Gross recognized Bill Blackburn who was representing Jack Howell and Gene Phipps, landowners on Winterpast Way. Mr. Blackburn stated that the road is approximately 1.4 miles. He distributed a handout with the landowners' request, aerial pictures show the roadways and a traffic count

they conducted. The board stated that there will be a public hearing to consider the request and notice given to all the affected landowners.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the request to consider the closure of Winterpast Way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Bruce Warren stated that there has to be an ad placed a minimum of two weeks prior to the hearing for the request to be considered. The date was schedule for December 8, 2015.

Chairman Gross recognized William Crane who wished to speak to the board but not listed on the agenda. Mr. Crane spoke about his previous employment with the county.

Chairman Gross recognized Sheriff Powell. Sheriff Powell complimented the Public Property Committee for their efforts on the Jail/Justice Center Expansion Project and getting all details addressed in the construction.

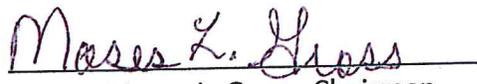
Commissioner Grady said that Monday there was an inspection to see the progress of the project. A punch list was delivered to CCH.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the purchase of the 3-ganged chairs for the Courtroom Lobby at the Judicial Center to be in the 2016 Budget. 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.

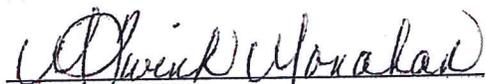
Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the South Pinetree Blvd. Project to be awarded to Falcon Design Consultants, LLC of Stockbridge, GA for \$146,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to approve the low bidder, Scruggs Company, for asphalt for the Redhills Business Park, est. \$529,650. 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 Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to adjourn. 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.


Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk