

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
November 16, 2015

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a special work session at 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
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael Stephenson, County Manager, Twink Monahan, County Clerk, and Laura Nichols, Finance Manager. Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Chairman Gross stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the budget requests from the departments.

Commissioner Grady updated the board on the progress of the Jail Justice Center. The old tile in the hallways needed to be replaced and it can be done with a \$.00 change order.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve for CCH to submit a change order showing the \$15,000 allocated for furniture in their contract be substituted for the purchase and installation of tile to replace the existing tiles in the hallways. 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.

Commissioner NeSmith asked for clarification of some accounts in the budget book concerning revenues and expenses.

Mr. Stephenson explained to the Commissioners some of the reductions in expenses; cost of fuel and no funding required for the Defined Benefit Plan.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Chairman Gross recognized David Miller from the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Miller distributed a handout showing the salaries of the Assistant District Attorneys in their offices. The entry level is very close to an ADA that has been with the system for 5 years. In the past few years they have not received raises. These increases were discussed further.

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Chairman Gross recognized Chief Chris Jones, Thomas County Fire. Chief Jones distributed a document outlining his request. He requested 6 position promotions to sergeants. One in Fire District 3, 3 in Central Fire and 1 in Fire Rescue. He also explained that he has a salary gap. He gave as an example of those who have been employed 5 years are making the same as an entry level firefighter.

Chief Jones' second request for a \$2.00 hour increase for the EMA Deputy Director who is currently at 12.59 with 10 years of service.

MAGISTRATE COURT

Chairman Gross recognized Judge Seery and Chief Clerk Linda Bradley. Judge Seery stated that he would like to request furniture, updated law books, and training for the constables.

Commissioner Grady stated that the board had worked out the furniture budget. The courtroom lobby chairs, \$8,800, less the table transferred to the Sheriff's Office, \$3,300 and the \$900 for the table for the Judge's chambers. These items plus the balance of the needed furniture

Mr. Stephenson explained that in the packet was a memo outlining the departments' requests along with some funding information which he reviewed in detail. He pointed out that he needs directions for funding the 911 Center. The estimated cost is 1.6 million for the 6,400 square foot building.

He also explained that the notebook that is distributed contains a detail of all the departments' capital requests and recommendation.

2016 Budget - Capital & Major Requests & Recommendations

2015 Budget - Major Capital Requests & Recommendations			
Department	Item	Requested	Recommended
County Commissioners'	Courthouse vehicle	18,500	18,500
Building Maintenance	3/4 ton truck	35,000	35,000
Magistrate	furniture	16,430	<i>Approved 8,800 Chairs Books, furniture</i>

			Total Increase \$25,500
Sheriff	8 4 Dodge Chargers	305,332	152,666
	4 Durangos	177,132	177,132
	Dodge Ram truck	33,179	33,179
	Furniture	5,000	0
	Digital Ally	24,310	24,310
		544,953	329,642 + 57,645
Drug Squad	Dodge Charger	36,000	0
	Dodge truck	38,000	0
		74,000	0
Jail	washing machine	10,027	10,027
	16 IP cameras	14,927	14,927
		24,954	24,954
Prison	2 15 passenger vans	23,000	0
		23,000	0
Public Works	office addition - east end	30,000	30,000
	2 tractors	70,000	35,000
	2 used Penske trucks	35,000	0
	soil mixer	16,000	0
	dozer	130,000	0
	post driver	10,000	0
	road widener	38,000	0
	chipper	55,000	55,000
		384,000	120,000
Sanitation	Automate Hansell site	80,000	80,000
	Upgrade 3 sites to be staffed	57,000	0
	4 20 yd containers	14,800	0
		151,800	80,000
Fleet Maintenance	3/4 ton truck	35,000	0
	furniture	10,000	0
	tire changing	15,000	15,000

	machine		
		35,097	15,000
Ag Resources	crew cab truck	30,000	23,000
		30,000	23,000
Building Inspections	ext cab truck	24,000	23,000
		24,000	23,000
	General Fund Totals	1,361,734	669,096
EMS	Ambulance ordered	128,025	128,025
	Ambulance	138,000	0
	command truck	29,000	0
	extrication truck	113,000	0
	5 power pro stretchers	85,419	85,419
		493,444	213,444
Emergency Services - GIS	server upgrade	20,000	20,000
		20,000	20,000
Emerg. Response/Rescue	3 extrication pumps	17,000	17,000
	1/3 cascades	1,700	1,700
		18,700	18,700
	Emergency Services Total	532,144	252,144
Fire District 1 & 2	Sunset squad truck	38,000	38,000
	1/3 cascades	9,300	9,300
	Fund Total	47,300	47,300
Fire District 3	training office vehicle	28,000	28,000
	1/3 cascades	2,000	2,000
	Fund Total	30,000	30,000
911	computer	15,000	15000

	Fund Total	15,000	15,000
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The board also discussed pay increases for the employees. Commissioner Mays stated that they had already decided that raises will be considered every other year; equipment is the priority for this year.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.


Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk