

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 23, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Toyna Brooks, Board Secretary, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Patti Dozer was present representing the media.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Baker to give the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/9/16 Board Meeting, 2/9/2016 Executive Session, 2/18/2016 City/County Workshop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Richard Squires of WSW Properties. Mr. Squires is asking for a preliminary plat approval for Brookstone subdivision a 16-acre tract on Hwy 319 S that is serviced by the City of Thomasville for water and sewer and currently has an RM11 zoning. Bill Eddings, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that he has submitted all the necessary forms.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the preliminary plat drawn by Van Der Watt Engineering, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the FTA FY16 5311 Capital Contract for 4 shuttle buses with a 10% local match of \$17,676.40. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey asked Tony Bodiford, Public Works Supervisor, to give the board an update on the weather system moving into Thomas County later that night.

Mr. Stephenson reported the request to proposals (RFP) is being reviewed by the Sheriff's Office, County Fire, Commission and the City of Thomasville. He expects that the RFP will be sent out on Monday, 29 February. The system should be in place by June or July with the contract signed in May.

Mr. Stephenson reported the Intergovernmental Agreement is being worked on with the City and County attorneys.

Mr. Stephenson stated that the consideration of the long term prison plan should be complete by November and that Thomas County is not in a position to guarantee jobs. Commissioner NeSmith asked that the small towns that use inmate work crews should be on notice the prison might close.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the following projects and budgets: Stewart Collection Site construction of a guard office with an estimated cost of \$12,000; next construction site is the Patten Coolidge Collection next project with an estimated cost of \$24,000, and at the Reichertville Collection site install a new paved driveway and pad for \$7,700±. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to renew the Metcalfe Collection site lease with Thomas Johnson increasing from \$500 to \$1,000 annually for 10 years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk