

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
March 8, 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, Toyona Brooks, Board Secretary, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Patti Dozer, Times Enterprise, and Chris Hurst, WPAX, were present representing the media.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/23/16 Board Meeting. 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 to give a brief explanation of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, now known as Family Enrichment Group, Inc. This is a group of trained advocates are appointed by judges to be a voice for children who have suffered abuse and neglect at home.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the 2016 contract for \$6,000 for Family Enrichment Group, Inc. 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 Zippy Vonier, candidate for Commission District 8, and Ed Williams, Executive Director, Humane Society.

Mr. Warren reported that as a part of the current CDBG project the right of way on Brinson Road and Thomas Drive has been negotiated with Tri-County Water System, Inc. with terms and conditions regarding their private water system. These conditions have been reviewed and understood by staff. Mr. Warren stated that Tony Bodiford is aware that if there is any damage to the water system during construction that Thomas County will repair the damage. Mr. Bodiford stated that the system is working fine right now. Commissioner NeSmith also stated that PVC sleeves will be placed under the road for future growth or repair of the water system to avoid road cuts. Mr. Warren also stated that Thomas County will not grant any easements on the county's right of way into Brinson and Thomas Drive. These conditions have all been part of the negotiations to obtain the right of way. This preserves the right of Tri-County Water to operate the water system on the right of way when signed over to the county.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to accept the Letter of Intent in order to proceed with the 2014 CDBG Project authorizing the chairman to sign Letter of Intent with Rita F. Smith, President of Tri-County Water System, Inc. 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.

Mr. Warren discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Thomasville about the Radio System. Mr. Stephenson said the IGA that sets the City & County up as 50/50 partners in the radio system. The County agrees to pay 50% of the capital improvements and our pro-rata share of annual maintenance (the subscription) based on the number of units dispatched at 40%. Mr. Warren will make revisions to the draft and bring it back to the board for consideration.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property Committee's recommendation and approve the quote from Valdosta Commercial Doors for rekeying, adding locks and deadbolts as agreed upon by representatives of the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department for \$14,077. 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 Grady who made a motion to approve renaming Thomas Plaza portion of the adjoining the Hancock Center to the Hancock Center. 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.

Commissioner Grady announced that the Public Property Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Jail Justice Center in the Sheriff's Conference Room.

Commissioner NeSmith announced that the Road Committee meeting with Falcon Designs, Pinetree Blvd. Project, on March 10<sup>th</sup> has been change to March 16, 2016 in the Commissioners' Conference Room 215 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Ansley stated that the crews started working on Stewart Road Collection Site on Monday.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committees recommendation to purchase vehicles from the lowest bidders per unit listed below; Stallings \$438,052.07 and Allen Vigil \$96,048.00 Total \$534,100.07. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Baker was not present for the vote.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Dealer</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Commissioners Office-Ford Fusion	Allen Vigil	18,500.00	17,990.00	510.00
Building Maintenance-3/4 T Ford	Allen Vigil	35,000.00	29,538.00	5,462.00
Building Inspection-1/2 T Dodge	Stallings Automotive	23,000.00	20,141.00	2,859.00
Fire Department-3/4 T Ford	Allen Vigil	28,000.00	23,624.00	4,376.00
Sheriff's Office - 4-Chargers	Stallings Automotive	152,665.52	149,370.08	3,295.44
Vice-Charger	Stallings Automotive	36,000.00	27,700.73	8,299.27

Sheriff's Office - 4-Durangos	Stallings Automotive	177,132.48	173,216.48	3,916.00
Sheriff's Office - Investigations 1/2 T	Stallings Automotive	33,179.00	33,811.89	-632.89
Vice-1/2 Ton Pickup	Stallings Automotive	38,000.00	33,811.89	4,188.11
Animal Control Pickup	Allen Vigil	24,896.00	24,896.00	0.00
		Budget	Total Low Bids	Under Budget
		566,373.00	534,100.07	32,272.93

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to award to the low bidder, MidState Construction, for traffic striping for \$60,797.00 for the roads listed below. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Baker was not present for the vote.

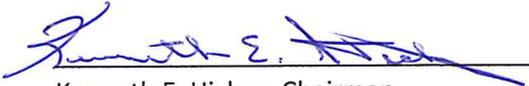
	Mid State Construction	
Road Name	\$ Per Mile	Total \$ Road
Coffee	\$1,500.00	\$11,370.00
St. Paul	\$1,500.00	\$2,310.00
Enon	\$1,500.00	\$12,615.00
Bulloch	\$1,500.00	\$5,190.00
Fredonia	\$1,500.00	\$3,765.00
Newton	\$1,500.00	\$2,895.00
Crowley	\$1,450.00	\$3,132.00
Enon Merrillville	\$1,500.00	\$1,845.00
Old Quitman	\$1,500.00	\$1,170.00
Rogers	\$1,500.00	\$3,360.00
Lower Cairo	\$800.00	\$2,120.00
Hart	\$1,500.00	\$4,605.00
Benton	\$1,500.00	\$2,580.00
McGarrah	\$1,500.00	\$3,840.00
		\$60,797.00

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion that based upon a review of the proposals received, the scoring of the six criteria on the scoring worksheet, and following discussion of the proposals, Thomas County hire Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc. as the administrative consultants to complete CDBG projects for the county as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Baker was not present for the vote.

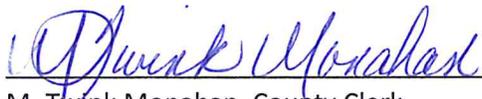
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion that based upon a review of the proposals received, the scoring of the six criteria on the scoring worksheet, and following discussion of the proposals, Thomas County hire Stevenson and Palmer as engineering consultants, to design, and to complete CDBG projects for the county as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Baker was not present for the vote.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to ratify the diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products on 2/26/16 at \$1.1130 per gallon. 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.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mays. 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