

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
July 12, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 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 Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Thelma Maxwell, Assistant Clerk and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio. Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order. County Manager Michael Stephenson was absent.

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

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Geary Holland of Janes Lane. Mr. Holland stated that he was addressing the board today to absolutely protest the digging of a mine 200 feet from his home. The Scruggs Company purchased the property behind his land in May. Mr. Holland said he once spoke to Johnny Reichert about purchasing and subdividing the same property, but was told that because the land is zoned agriculture and only one house would be allowed on 25 acres. He also stated that what The Scruggs Company was intending to do would devalue his property.

Mr. Holland left the boardroom.

Chairman Hickey recognized Mike Fisher of The Scruggs Company. Mr. Fisher stated that they have no intention to destroy property. It is an agricultural area and they will maintain the existing 100' tree buffer. They are still in the planning stages with no set plan, yet. Currently the timber evaluated for cutting. He did mention they might in the future divide the property and build 2 homes.

Bill Eddings, Planning and Zoning Director, stated there is a process for everything; the corp. of Engineers and the EPD have a process for building a pond. The county has zoning processes that will be used if the plan has home sites.

Tony Wooten, Public Works Director, stated the base on the McMillan and Maddox Roads is fair. It is not meant to handle large volumes in a short time. He will meet with Mr. Fisher and work things out. The County has made many pits in the past for road construction. Mr. Scruggs, President, stated that no dynamite will be used and the site will only operate during the daylight hours and that there would not be a road close to the property line.

Bruce Warren, County Attorney stated that if the land changes from the current usage, The Scruggs Company will have to start the process. Right now there is nothing for the county to do. If the future use is not permitted by the current zoning classification, they will have to go through the process to rezone the property.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the FY2017 DOT 5311 Authorizing Resolution for a grant for public transportation assistance with capital purchases of \$126,470.10 including a local match of \$12,647.01 and authorization for the chairman to sign the necessary contracts upon receipt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. 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 appoint Kenneth Manwaring to the Dept. of Family and Children Services Board for a 5 year term beginning 7-1-2016 to 6-30-2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

The Board discussed the application by Ms. Cynthia Drayton will be considered for another appointment when available.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to appoint James Parrott to a 3 year term, 7-1-2016 to 6-30-2019, on the Region 4 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. 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 appoint George Bauer to the Thomas County Public Library System Board, Position #11, an Ex-Officio position. 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 appoint Tommy Hill to the Southwest Georgia Workforce 44 Development Board for a 3 year term as Thomas County's private sector representative, expiring 6/30/19. 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 Judge S. Andrews Seery, Magistrate Court. Judge Seery stated that the construction of the court and offices is now complete and they are very appreciative of the new offices. He thanked the board for all their efforts in the process.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Elect, District 8, Zippy Vonier.

Commissioner Mays gave the Purchasing Committee's recommendations.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to approve two-year contracts with a two-year renewable clause for disaster debris removal and disposal with the following three(3) companies; Ceres Environmental, Southern Disaster Recovery and TAG Grinding for the Emergency Management Agency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

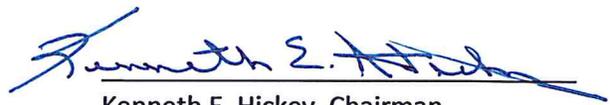
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase a 2016 Morbark chipper from Mackinnon Equipment and Service for \$44,595. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase the 2016 annual road signs for stock from Vulcan Signs for \$13,921.01. 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 Mays who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase a hydraulic power pack and post driver, 2016 Stanley HP28B 2 power pack and Stanley PD45132G post driver, from United Rentals for \$9,713. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. 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 Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase six 20-yard roll-off containers from Marpan Supply Co. for \$23,000. 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 NeSmith who made a motion to adjourn. 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.


Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk