

Minutes  
 Historic Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 225 North Board Street  
 July 28, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a Special Called 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 (by telephone)
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4 (absent)	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael Stephenson, County Manager, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. There was no Media present. Sheriff Carlton Powell and Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner, were also present.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady to give the invocation.

Mr. Stephenson stated that the Incorporated, Unincorporated and Emergency Services fund is in good shape. Even though the fund balances in the Fire Districts could withstand the loss this year, it is likely not going to be that way next year. The Fire District 3 fund balance is cutting it close.

Mr. Stephenson reviewed his handout to the board explaining the options for board to consider.

1. Use the staff recommendation and set the roll-back millage. This would result in a loss of revenue but it can be handled.

**2016 Millage Rates – Recommended**

	<u>Digest by District</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>	<u>Net Taxes</u>
<b>Incorporated</b>	724,618,269	9.210	6,673,734
	<i>Less insurance premium rollback 1.365</i>		
<b>Unincorporated</b>	847,143,860	7.845	6,645,844
<b>Emer. Services</b>	1,572,195,516	1.770	2,782,786
<b>Fire District 1</b>	166,042,602	3.195	530,506
<b>Fire District 2</b>	189,792,567	3.182	603,920
<b>Fire District 3</b>	493,896,785	2.364	1,167,572

**Fund Balance Report**

**Tax Comparison applying Rollback Rates**

District	2015 Tax	2016 Tax	Difference	2015 Fund Balance	Accumulated Fund Balance
Incorporated	\$6,675,388	\$6,673,734	(\$1,654)	\$34,946	\$12,303,699
Unincorporated	\$6,780,350	\$6,645,844	(\$134,506)		
Emergency Services	\$2,817,209	\$2,782,786	(\$34,423)	\$125,899	\$3,146,785
Fire District 1	\$525,362	\$530,506	\$5,144	\$69,722	\$465,116

Fire District 2	\$632,196	\$603,920	(\$28,276)		
Fire District 3	\$1,196,315	\$1,167,572	(\$28,743)	\$99,693	\$822,664
			(\$222,458)		

2. The Georgia Uniform Chart of Accounts authorizes a portion of the general fund accumulated fund balance to be committed for specific purposes and functions in the unincorporated areas of the county. The general fund accumulated fund balance is \$12,303,699. The option would be to approve 4.5 million for use under the guidelines of the Chart of Accounts.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to instruct the county manager with the review of the county attorney to draft a resolution to commit 4.5 million of the general fund accumulated fund balance for use in the unincorporated area of the county for the chairman to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

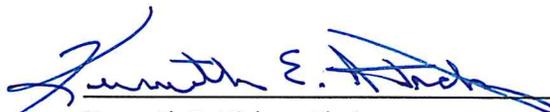
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to set the tentative 2016 Millage Rates in all funds applying the insurance premium rollback rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to cancel the board meeting for August 9, 2016 and set a special called meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

Commissioner Grady announced that the August 4<sup>th</sup> Public Property Committee meeting will be held at the new 911 Center at 8:30 a.m. There will be a tour of the facility prior to the meeting.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to release Twink Monahan from the duties as acting county manager as the manager has returned from leave. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

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

  
Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk