

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
October 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
225 North Board Street

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

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chairman, 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, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney and Thelma Maxwell, Assistant County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Commissioner Grady gave in invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the CDBG Grant for Foxcroft Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Bill Ross who discussed the Capital Improvement Element Amendment. Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Element Amendment allowing Thomas County to use Impact Fees for the Shooting Range Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Marshall Jones, a sophomore at Brookwood High School and a Life Scout in Troupe 306, requesting to construct gun racks and picnic tables for his Eagle Scout Project for the new Shooting Range. Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve Marshall Jones' request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey declared a public hearing to hear Application #16-10-1 – Ramona Ramsby, property owner, requests a conditional use zoning for property located a 695 Baldwin Road (7.61 acres, more or less, Map 52, Parcel 87) from Ag (Agricultural) to Ag C.U. (Conditional Use, Family Personal Care Home) so as to allow for the use of a family personal care home which will allow up to 6 people.

Chairman Hickey recognized Bill Eddings, Planning Director who discussed the denial of the Planning and Land Use Standards Commission to Ramona Ramsby, property owner for a conditional use zoning for the property located at 695 Baldwin Road (7.61 acres, more or less, Map 52, Parcel 87) from Ag (Agricultural) to Ag C.U. (Conditional Use, Family Personal Care Home) allowing up to 6 people. Romona Ramsby discussed the plans for the Family Personal Care Home and how it would be funded. Property owners

were then heard from that are opposed to the requested zoning change, Noah Morrison of 102 Mossy Creek Way, Grace Dooley of 721 Baldwin Road and Mr. Chastain. Ramona Ramsby was then allowed to speak again to address the opposing property owners concerns. Tammy Metcalf of 1800 Sanford Road who currently works at a Personal Care home on Clay Street spoke on Ms. Ramsby's behalf in favor of the requested zoning change.

The board requested the county attorney to review the state law concerning personal care homes and group homes. The board is wanting to know the differences in the amount of people that live in each type category and the requirements of each category.

Chairman Hickey closed the public hearing.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to deny Application #16-10-1 – Ramona Ramsby, property owner, requests a conditional use zoning for property located a 695 Baldwin Road (7.61 acres, more or less, Map 52, Parcel 87) from Ag (Agricultural) to Ag C.U. (Conditional Use, Family Personal Care Home) so as to allow for the use of a family personal care home which will allow up to 6 people. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried 5-3; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye. Voting nay were Commissioners Gross, Grady and Baker.

Chairman Hickey recognized Kimberly Sponaugle, South Eden Plantation. Ms. Sponaugle gave a brief update of the development stages of South Eden Plantation Resort and its economic impact on the city and the county. Ms. Sponaugle requested the consideration to obtain a liquor sales license. Chairman Hickey thanked Ms. Sponaugle for coming and informed her that it would be placed under consideration for a future referendum.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Breedlove Land Planning Client – Consultant Contract Agreement between Thomas County and Breedlove Land Planning, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

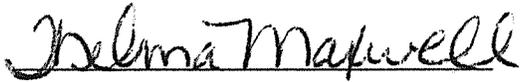
Chairman Hickey recognized Tony Wooten, Public Works Director who discussed the condition of Airport Road Bridge. Mr. Wooten recommends that the bridge is replaced with a 3 Barrel Box Culvert. Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to authorize County Manager Michael Stephenson and Mr. Wooten to negotiate a contract for a 3 Barrel Box Culvert.

Chairman Hickey recognized County Manager Michael Stephenson who discussed the Solar Energy Proposed Regulations. The proposal will be discussed at the Public Property Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2016.

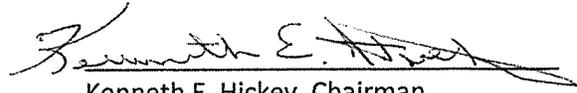
Purchasing

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to ratify the fuel purchase for October 20, 2016, for gas at \$1.7491 per gallon from Petroleum Products and diesel at \$1.6772 per gallon from Petroleum Products. 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith and Mays voting aye.



Thelma Maxwell, Assistant Clerk


Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman