

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
April 26, 2016

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-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 and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. There was no media present.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Wiley Grady 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 4/12/16 Board Meeting. 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 opened a public hearing for the board to receive comments from any citizen who wishes to be heard on the Capital Improvements Element 2016 Annual Update report, relating to the County's impact fee program. There were no public comments. Chairman Hickey recognized Bill Ross of Ross+Associates. Mr. Ross explained the update and asked the board if there were any questions. Commissioner asked about the funds collected for the Sheriff's Office and if they can be applied to the expansion project just completed. Mr. Ross stated that the funds collected are far less that the amount of the project, however they can be applied.

Being no further comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to adopt the resolution to transmit the annual draft Capital Improvements Element of the comprehensive plan to the Regional Commission for review and to forward to the Department of Community Affairs. 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 George Lilly, the attorney for the Thomas County School System. Mr. Lilly explained that on March 1, 2016 the 1% E-SPLOST referendum was passed. The School Systems are requesting that Thomas County approve and adopt a resolution for a \$14,870,000 Bond Resolution. This is the third bond issue that the schools have had since the first education sales tax was passed. Thomas County imposes the school millage, as passed by the school board, and collects the tax for the School Board.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to adopt the resolution of the board of commissioners to assure compliance with the State of Georgia regulations for the bond issue. 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.

Reports

Mr. Stephenson reported that Emergency Services staff, CAD Evaluation Team, have been reviewing the results of the Request for Proposal for Computer Aided Dispatch software. Mr. Stephenson distributed a revised time line for the implementation of the new software. Chief Powell will meeting with Moses Gross, Chairman of the Emergency Services Committee, and Sheriff R Carlton Powell to review the team's findings. The team will also visit and inspect systems in service in Georgia and report to the Emergency Services Committee their findings.

Upcoming meetings were announced; Purchasing Committee-5/3, S. Pinetree Community Meeting-5/3, Public Property Committee-5/5, Solid Waste Committee-5/11, and Road Committee-5/18.

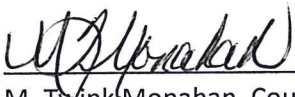
Commissioner NeSmith stated that the engineering firm designing the South Pinetree Blvd. Project will be present at the Community Meeting to explain the design. The alternate design of a round-about will also be included.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross 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