

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
Special Called Meeting
225 North Board Street
August 10, 2016

The 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-Chairman, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses L. Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	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 Chris Hurst, WPAX and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Reverend Wadell Ross gave the invocation and Chairman Hickey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 regular meeting and the special called meeting on July 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the following resolution setting the 2016 millage rate for all funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Mays voting aye.

RESOLUTION
THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 920
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31799
August 10, 2016

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting for County purposes in a special called meeting and for the purpose of setting millage and levying a tax for 2016, that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and two hundred ten thousandths (9.210) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the incorporated areas of said Thomas County, and that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and two hundred ten thousandths (9.210) mills with a roll back of Insurance Premium Tax of one and three hundred sixty five thousandths (1.365) mills leaving seven and eight hundred forty five thousandths (7.845) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the unincorporated area in said Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for Thomas County purposes, said rate to be apportioned for legal purposes of said Thomas County under constitutional limitations of the State of Georgia; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said Thomas County purposes, as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: The proper Legislation was enacted and a referendum was held there under as provided therein on June 16, 1965, at which time the voters of Fire District Number 1 and 2, as described in said Legislation approved said Act creating fire districts in Thomas County and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, to levy upon the taxable value of all property within such fire districts for fire protection purposes in said districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that three and one hundred ninety five thousandths (3.195) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 1, and three and one hundred eighty two thousandths (3.182) mills upon taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said Fire District 2, as described in said act creating Fire Districts in Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purposes by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted Resolution dated December 9, 1986, that there is created within Thomas County, Georgia, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II, paragraph VI, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, of 1983, a special service district to be known as Fire District No. 3 of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that two and three hundred sixty four thousandths (2.364) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 3, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted a Resolution dated February 11, 2003 that there is created in Thomas County, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, a special service district to be known as Emergency Service District of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in a regular meeting for County Purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that one and seven hundred seventy thousandths (1.770) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said county Emergency Services District, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing emergency services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, that it be and is hereby ordered that said mills above be assessed for State purposes and that the Tax Commissioner of said Thomas County, be instructed to collect the same as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: the Board of Education of Thomas County, Georgia, having recommended a levy of fourteen and five hundred twenty four thousandths mills (14.524) on all taxable property in said Thomas County, not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, for the support and maintenance of education for County-wide schools, as provided by law for the taxable year of 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting that the taxable year 2016 a tax of fourteen and five hundred twenty four thousandths mills (14.524) for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools be levied on each

one dollar of all the taxable property in said Thomas County not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County, Georgia, be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools for the taxable year of 2016 as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Commissioner is hereby instructed to set a due date of November 15, 2016 for 2016 taxes.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Extension Service Renovation Budget of \$450,000.00. 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 the E-911 Center Budget of \$2,816,000.00. 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 Roger Walker, Highway 319 Thomasville, Mr. Walker spoke about his background in recreation and helping the mentally ill. Mr. Walker asked that Thomas County reconsider the Shooting Range project.

Reports

Manager

Michael Stephenson gave an update on the shooting range, he will be verifying all studies and will then execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Stephenson also advised that he will be preparing a budget for the Prison, one will be for closing the Prison and one will be for keeping the Prison open.

Public Property

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve Change Order #004 for the E-911 Center/CCH, a) Tap fee to separate water from Irrigation System \$1,350.00, b) Additional date and power receptacles in Director's Office \$1,351.34, c) Wire Shelving in data room \$1,012.60, d) Door sweeps and door seals to pressurize dispatch center \$1,080.00, total of \$4,793.94. 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 Air Conditioning Technology (ACTS) to replacement the units for the Jail Kitchen \$5,485.00 and Courtroom \$7,600.00, total of \$13,085.00. 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.

Commissioner Grady stated that the Public Property Committee has asked Mr. Stephenson to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources after the costs and studies of the Shooting Range are verified. Commissioner Mays stated that the grant cannot be used in any other way.

Commissioner Grady discussed the relocation of Transit to the existing E-911 building after 911 moves into the new 911 Center. The buses will not be parked there overnight, the parking lot is used by the

Municipal Auditorium. Mr. Stephenson has spoken with Brad Sheffield who states there are no regulations that prohibit the employees from driving the buses home. Commissioner Mays stated that she is concerned with the adequate parking space at the employee's homes.

Commissioner Grady stated that Mr. Stephenson has been asked to prepare a budget for the Prison, one for closing the Prison and one for keeping it open.

Purchasing

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to ratify the fuel purchase for August 3, for gas at \$1.5197 per gallon from Petroleum Products and diesel at \$1.297632 per gallon from Plantation Petroleum. 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.

Upcoming meetings were announced; Purchasing Committee-9/16/16, Road Committee-8/17/16, and Personnel Committee-8/18/16.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth E. Hickey", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thelma Maxwell", written over a horizontal line.

Thelma Maxwell, Assistant County Clerk