

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
July 11, 2017

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	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Tony Bodiford, Public Works Director, Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning and Zoning Director and Lyndall Knight, Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/27/2017 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Vonier voting aye.

Being no other agenda items, Chairman Hickey asked for reports.

Purchasing Committee Recommendations

Myrick Road Paving Project.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the committee recommendation to contract for paving the Myrick Road with Green's Backhoe, Inc., for a negotiated price of \$15,960. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the committee recommendation to purchase turnout gear from Municipal Equipment Co. \$65,344. (Fire District \$44,000 and Central Fire \$21,344. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the committee recommendation to extend the Taylor Benefit Resources contract for third party administration of the County Health Benefit Program for 3 years, renewable annually. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

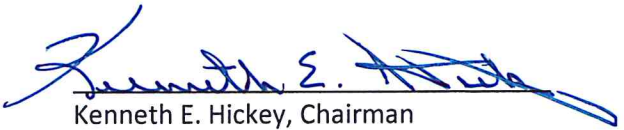
County Manager Report

Mr. Stephenson briefed the board members of an upcoming variance request that will be heard by the Planning and Land Use Commission and July 17<sup>th</sup>. The application is for David Poss who is requesting a variance to build on a nonpublic road. The ordinance requires public road frontage. He read some of the staff's findings that will be presented at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Warren distributed suggested text changes to the Solar Facility Ordinance to allow for variances. He also reported the purchase of the Riverwood property should be complete within a month.

Mr. Stephenson announced that Tony Bodiford and Ken Gay are now officially in appointed to their new positions; Public Works Director and Inspections and Planning Director.

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



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk