

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 9, 2018

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce County Attorney Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Assistant Clerk Thelma Maxwell. 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 recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 board minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey turned the meeting over to Bruce Warren, County Attorney, to serve as temporary Chairman for the purpose of electing the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Bruce Warren opened the floor for nominations for chairman.

Bruce Warren recognized Commissioner Brown who nominated Commissioner Grady for Chairman of the 2018 Board. Mr. Warren asked for any other nominations. Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Mr. Warren confirmed Commissioner Grady's appointment as Chairman for 2018 by acclamation.

Mr. Warren turned the meeting over to Chairman Grady.

Chairman Grady opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Vonier nominated Commissioner Brown for Vice-Chairman of the 2018 Board. Chairman Grady asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Hickey made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Chairman Grady confirmed Commissioner Brown's reappointment as Vice-Chairman for 2018 by acclamation.

Chairman Grady thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

Vice-Chairman Brown thanked the board for his re-election as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to reappoint Bruce Warren as the 2018 County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Hickey and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady introduced Daron Rehberg. Mr. Rehberg is the County Extension Coordinator for Grady County and recently appointed to Thomas County in a dual role. Mr. Rehberg told the board that he is a Thomas County native from Pavo and has worked at the Grady County Extension for 29 years. He also told the board that we should be hearing something soon about a new county agent for Thomas County. Chairman Grady welcomed him and is looking forward to working with him.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 18-1-1, 2012 SPLOST. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

2012 SPLOST - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (328)				
January 9, 2018				
Account	Description	Original	2011 Amended	Bi Difference
Expenses				
328-4170-54-1405	Infra Roads-Hill Road	0	111,100	111,100
328-4171-54-1405	Infra Roads-Sugarwood Lane	0	23,100	23,100
328-4276-54-1405	Infra Roads-Woodhaven	0	281,600	281,600
328-4287-54-1405	Infra Roads-County Line/N PT/84BP	0	66,000	66,000
328-4288-54-1405	Infra Roads-Norias	0	172,700	172,700
328-4289-54-1405	Infra Roads-Lower Meigs/Resf/Widening	0	629,140	629,140
328-4290-54-1405	Infra Roads-Brentwood Drive	0	37,400	37,400
328-4291-54-1405	Infra Roads-Hart	0	179,300	179,300
328-4292-54-1410	Infra Bridges-Patten Coolidge	0	54,000	54,000
328-4293-54-1410	Infra Bridges-lone	0	108,000	108,000
328-4294-54-1405	Infra Roads-Reichertville	0	638,000	638,000
328-4296-54-1410	Infra Bridges-Mitchell	0	243,000	243,000
328-4297-54-1410	Infra Bridges-Whitney Camp	0	40,000	40,000
328-4298-54-1405	Infra Roads-Libby Lane	0	68,200	68,200
328-4299-54-1405	Infra Roads-Midway	0	100,100	100,100
328-9010-57-9000	Contingencies	4,597,753	1,846,113	-2,751,640
	Total			0
Net Increase to Expenses				\$0

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy Addendum, effective January 1, 2018, as required by the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Judge Mark E. Mitchell, Thomas County State Court. Judge Mitchell explained to the board that the Misdemeanor Probation Oversight Unit of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision has recently mandated additional contract requirements between Thomas County and CSRA Probation Services, Inc. that serves Superior, State, and Magistrate courts. The existing contract is on a five year auto renew, 5/10/2016, unless there are any significant changes to make.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the CSRA Probation Services, Inc. contract Modification/Amendment for the Superior, State and Magistrate Courts. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Emergency Medical Write-Offs, years 2013, 2014, and 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Mayor Greg Hobbs, City of Thomasville. Chairman Grady congratulated him on his reappointment as Mayor of Thomasville.

County Manager Michael Stephenson said that zoning application 18-1-1 will be heard by the Planning and Land Use Commission on January 16, 2018. He explained the request and noted there was no staff recommendation listed. Director Ken Gay, Inspections and Planning, said that he would have staff correct the recommendation memorandum.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the gasoline purchase on December 12, 2017; Petroleum Products, \$1.9186 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase on December 3, 2018; Petroleum Products, \$2.0591 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady included in the agenda package the 2018 Committee appointments.

	2018 Committees	(chairman serves on all committees)
Emergency Services	Chairman Mark NeSmith , Moses Gross, Ken Hickey	
Finance	Chairman Merrill Baker , Philip Brown, Moses Gross	
Personnel	Chairman Phillip Brown , Hershel Ansley, Moses Gross	
Public Property	Chairman Ken Hickey , Merrill Baker, Zippy Vonier	
Purchasing	Chairman Zippy Vonier , Merrell Baker, Mark NeSmith	
Road	Chairman Mark NeSmith , Ken Hickey, Hershel Ansley	
Solid Waste	Chairman Hershel Ansley , Phillip Brown, Zippy Vonier	

Chairman Grady thanked the board for electing him as the Chairman and their dedication to the citizens they serve. Chairman Grady said the county commission comes together and works in the best interest of all Thomas County. Thomas County is blessed to have many dedicated employees.

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



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk