

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
March 12, 2019

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:

<b>Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6</b>	<b>Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7</b>
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (Absent)
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (Absent)	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (Absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce County Attorney Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Fire Chief Chris Jones, EMS Director Tim Coram, Information Systems Director Derrick Ogletree, EMS Captains James Mann and Martin Smith.

Commissioner Jeremy Rich gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady declared a public hearing for the Board of Commissioners to consider a resolution transmitting a draft Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2019 Annual Update report, relating to the County's impact fee program, to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for regional review pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Any persons wishing to be heard on the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update are invited to attend.

Chairman Grady recognized Bill Ross of Ross + Associates. Mr. Ross explained the CIE update as a five year community improvement program. Chairman Grady asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment. Being none, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the Resolution to transmit the draft Capital Improvements Elements 2019 Annual Update report to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for review. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

**Georgia, Thomas County**

**Transmittal Resolution  
Capital Improvements Element Update  
Thomas County, Georgia**

WHEREAS, Thomas County adopted a Capital Improvements Element as an amendment to the *Thomas County Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County has prepared a 2019 Annual Update to the adopted Capital Improvements Element (including financial data for fiscal year 2018); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update was prepared in accordance with the "Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements" and the "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and a duly advertised Public Hearing was held on March 12, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. at the Thomas County Historic Courthouse, 225 N. Broad Street, Thomasville, Georgia;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County does hereby submit the 2019 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State review, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2019.

Chairman Grady recognized Fire Chief Chris Jones. Chief Jones explained the county commission recently adopted a plan for EMS/Fire stations to have cross-trained personnel to better serve the county. The first Emergency Medical Service personnel to complete the fire training are James Mann, Jack Martin Smith, Richard (Ben) Jackson, Evan Qualheim, and Brett Wilson. All five (5) were presented with certificates presented by Chairman Grady. (Brett Wilson was absent)

Chairman Grady recognized Deron Rehberg UGA Extension Director. Mr. Rehberg introduced Ashleigh Childs the newly hired Family Consumer Science Agent. He thanked the board for opening the position again in Thomas County. Ms. Childs told the board that she is excited to be working here in Thomas County and anxious to start projects.

Chairman Grady recognized Julie Murphree with Keep Thomas County Beautiful. Ms. Murphree announced Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup which will have a kick-off in Thomas County on Saturday March 23 at Cherokee Lake Park. Chairman Grady was presented with a trash picker and Ms. Murphree thanked him for being a Leader Against Litter.

There were no citizens present to address the board not listed on the agenda.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the application for occupational certificate for beer consumption on premises submitted by ACGBBQ, LLC; Debbie S. Webb dba Sonny's BBQ, 14293 US Highway 19S, Thomasville, GA 31792. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the March 5, 2019, gas and diesel purchases from Petroleum Products; Gas \$1.8190, Diesel \$2.0802. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Purchasing Committee to purchase two (2) Pursuit vehicles (replacing 2018 wrecked units) from Stallings Automotive \$45,474.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye. Vice-Chairman Brown abstained due to a conflict of interest.

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Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Purchasing Committee to purchase emergency lighting and equipment from West Chatham Lighting & Equipment for 6 units at \$78,950.73, award a contract to Southern Concrete Construction for bridge piling encasements for \$235,720, purchase a ¾ ton pickup truck with service body from Allan Vigil Ford, \$22,057, and Transport Equipment \$5,918, for Facilities Management at \$27,975 total, a stair-chair and stretcher from Striker Medical for \$19,657.55, and emergency lighting from West Chatham Lighting & Equipment for 2 new units at \$18,521.71. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Phillip Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.


Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to go into closed session for consultation with the county attorney to discuss legal matters as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-2(1). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to return to open session reporting no action to be taken from the closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

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

  
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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk