

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
June 25, 2019

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (absent)
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 Absent

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce County Attorney Warren, Sheriff Carlton Powell, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese. Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise, from the news-media was present. Other staff present Tony Bodiford, Public Works Director, Lyndall Knight, Facilities Director, Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning and Zoning Director, Corey McGee, Transit Director, Donna Holbert, Zoning Administrator and Pat Smith, Code Enforcement.

Chairman Grady opened the meetings and gave the invocation.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady declared a Public Hearing to give citizens the opportunity to speak for or against zoning application 19-6-1, Commercial General/Conditional Use for storage to Commercial General.

Chairman Grady recognized Donna Holbert, Zoning Administrator, and she read the application request and explained the Planning and Land Use Commission had approved the application at their June 17, 2019 meeting.

Chairman Grady asked if there was anyone present who supports the request and would like to comment. Chairman Grady asked if there was anyone present who does not support the request and would like to comment.

Being none, Chairman Grady closed the public hearing.

Ms. Holbert stated the facility is going to be an indoor play center for children, in response to a question by Commissioner NeSmith.

Chairman Grady called for a vote. He recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve application 19-6-1, CG C.U. Storage to CG for an indoor recreation facility. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to appoint Andre Marria to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Advisory County for a 3-year

term beginning July 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, Rich, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Commissioner Rich entered the meeting.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to appoint Nicole Gatlin to the Thomas County Public Library Board, Position #5, for her 1st term beginning 7/1/2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved by a 5 to 1 vote. Chairman Grady, Commissioners Hickey, Rich, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye. Vice-Chairman Brown abstained.

Commissioner NeSmith wanted to extend the board's thanks for all the applicants who have applied for board openings. He expressed how thankful he is that many citizens are willing to serve.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Federal DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for the Thomas County Transit Department. The motion was seconded by Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, Rich, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Open meeting to citizens. Chairman Grady reviewed the policy for public comments. He recognized Amanda Ann Barnes of 389 Powell Drive. Mrs. Barnes presented the board with pictures of David Tucker property at 54 Spruce Lane and 59 Bay Drive in Dogwood Estates. These properties join on the backside of her property on Powell Drive. She Stated these are neglected properties with no power and people are living there. She also submitted documents of 911 calls for trespassing.

Chairman Grady recognized David Tucker the owner of the property she is complaining about. He complained that Mr. Barnes is monitoring traffic on his street and taking tag numbers. He further explained his home has been damaged by 2 storms, and is awaiting FEMA settlements. He told the board there are no drugs in his home.

Chairman Grady told Ms. Barnes and Mr. Tucker the information will be turned over to the county attorney to determine if the county has any jurisdiction in these matters.

Chairman Grady recognized Terri Stewart. Ms. Stewart is with Pinnacle Park Homes. She has been to the board previously requesting help with permitting of these homes in Thomas County. After discussion the board agreed there needs to be better communications with potential owners of the Pinnacle Home when they inquire about permitted uses in Thomas County. It was previously agreed the permit, if turned down, would have the right to appeal to the board. All options need to be explained to the applicant. Andy Davis the sales manager at Pinnacle Homes asked that applicants be encouraged to fill out a compliance form and told of the 'case by case' understanding the board has approved.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to approve the Public Works Committee recommendation for an additional 10.82 miles of road projects to be funded by the 2012 SPLOST (as listed). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Baggett voting aye.

West Pinetree (between Lower Cairo and Tall Pines Subdivision)	.61 miles	\$	76,250.00
Rook (between GA 3 & RR)	.37 miles	\$	46,250.00
Holly Springs Subdivision	1.16 miles	\$	145,000.00
(Holly Springs Drive, Beargrass Trail, Deer Ridge Trail, Sycamore Road N & S)			
Murphy Road	1.79 miles	\$	225,750.00
Crowley (between Fredonia and Hall-resurfacing & widening)	.64 miles	\$	115,840.00
Crowley (between US 319 and Hall)	1.52 miles	\$	190,000.00
Dogwood Drive	.41 miles	\$	55,350.00
Dogwood Subdivision	.53 miles	\$	66,250.00
(Bay Drive, Chestnut Lane, Spruce Lane, Abbey Drive, Fern Drive, Juniper Drive)			
Powell Drive	1.32 miles	\$	165,000.00
Summerhill Subdivision	1.64 miles	\$	213,200.00
(Flicker Trail, Owl Hollow, Whippoorwill Bend, Lakeside Drive, Greenleaf Lane, Sunnybrook Drive, Trailwood Drive)			
Lake Lilliquin Subdivision	.83 miles		
(Lilliquin Drive, Lake Trace Drive, Strawberry Shortcut) Estimated budget \$ 107,900.00			
Total Estimated Budget \$			1,416,790.00

Commissioner NeSmith stated this is the last of the 2012 SPLOST and the 2017 SPLOST collections started in January 2019.

Commissioner Hickey made a motion to ratify the purchase of gas at \$1.8264 and diesel at \$1.9342 on June 13, 2019 from Petroleum Products. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and unanimously approved; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioner Hickey, Rich, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Ray Finger, Library Project Architect, who stated that he and Lyndall Knight met with Jason Harpe with CCH Construction. CCH Construction had the low bid of \$424,113 for the Library Roofing and Mechanical Works. Since there was about \$100,000 difference between the bids, Mr. Finger wanted to review the line items, warranty and materials with Mr. Harpe to make sure there was not an item overlooked. He and Mr. Knight feel confident the bid is complete and recommend awarding to CCH. They will be able to start August 2019 and completion within 90 days.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to award the Library Roof Replacement and Mechanical Works to CCH Construction for the low bid of \$424,113 as recommended by Ray Finger, Project Architect, start date of 8/2019 and construction time of 90 days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioner Hickey, Rich, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

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



 Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



 M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk