

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
July 9, 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:

**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  
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. Other staff present Tony Bodiford, Public Works Director, and Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning and Zoning.

Vice-Chairman Brown opened the meetings and gave the invocation.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 board meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, Hickey, NeSmith and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the Department of Transportation 99-year lease for the new DOT Maintenance Shop at 424 Joiner Road and forward to the Department of Transportation with the approved plans for the new building noting one change to be made by the county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Commissioner Rich entered the meeting.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Farmer's Daughter Vineyards + Tasting Room, Dana King, request to pour and sell wine at the Deep South Fairgrounds on August 23 and 24, 2019 for a fundraiser, Crossroads Music Festival; hurricane Michael relief for local agricultural producers in our community. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the Thomasville Center for the Arts to sale alcohol at an event for the Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival November 10, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and Approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Baggett voting aye.

County Manager Michael Stephenson reviewed the Sales Ratio Study for Thomas County reported by the Department of Audits and Accounts.

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, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Baggett voting aye.

  
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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk