

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
September 24, 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:

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

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerks Twink Monahan and Celeste Tyler.

Vice-Chairman Brown opened the meeting and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced: Personnel Committee Meeting, 9/25 at 8:30 a.m.; Purchasing, 10/1 8:30 a.m. and Public Property 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Commissioners' Office.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to grant Kate Harden's request of a name change from Pettigrew Lane to Dunwoody Lane. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, and Hickey voting aye.

Open Meeting: Robert Comer, formerly from Ocala, FL expressed his concerns regarding two hour limitations on computer usage at the Library. Wanda Warren of Cross Street, Thomasville, GA introduced herself to the Commissioners. She is currently running for District 1 City of Thomasville Council seat.

County Manager Michael Stephenson gave a report on the current method of TAVT Tax distribution. As of July 1, 2019, the state uses a different formula to distribute the funding and leaves it at the County's discretion on how it is divided. County Manager Stephenson recommended 83% distribution to the General Fund, 3.5% to Fire District 1&2, 3.5% to Fire District 3 and 10% to Emergency Services Fund. These percentages closely resemble the amount that would have been distributed using the old method.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to accept the percentages recommended by the County Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairmen Brown and Commissioners, Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.

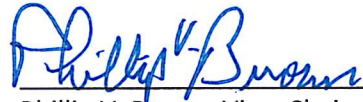
Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the ratification of the diesel fuel purchase for \$2.0750 from Petroleum Products. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:19 p.m. to discuss future acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to re-enter into open session at 6:29 p.m. and reported there is no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, and Rich voting aye.



Phillip V. Brown, Vice- Chairman

ATTEST:



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Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk