

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
June 8, 2021

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:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7 (absent)	Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
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

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese, Capt. Chuck McDonald, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Pat Donahue, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Vice Chairman Grady called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Derrick Ogletree who presented a GIS Data Share Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Thomasville for approval. Derrick commented that a collaboration agreement with the City of Thomasville has been in place for approximately ten years, but this update reflects the change in technology.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the GIS Data Share MOU with the City of Thomasville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Stephenson recognized Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert who introduced Application (21-6-1) for rezoning for property located on U.S. Hwy. 19 South from Gerald Pionessa, Jr., agent for property owner, RCA, LLC. This property consists of 12.91 acres, more or less, and the request is to rezone a 6.8 acre, more or less, portion of this parcel from Industrial to MHP for the expansion for 31 proposed lots of the existing Manufactured Home Park known as Pinetree Place MHP located on Pinetree Boulevard. The portion of the subject parcel that is requesting to be rezone adjoins the existing Manufactured Home Park that is located on Pinetree Boulevard and will be considered Phase 3.

Donna Holbert also introduced Application for 21-6-2, for rezoning. The applicant is Thomas Asbury, Jr., agent for the property owners, James R. Clanton, Jr., and Beverly Clanton Wilford for property located on Patterson Still Road (Map 45, Parcel 259) consisting of 44 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone this property from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-4 (Single Family Residential) CSD (Conservation

Subdivision Development) which will allow for the development of a conservation subdivision development for single family residential detached homes. This will be a clustered development with reduced lot sizes. The developer is proposing this to be an active adult community.

County Manager Stephenson presented his Tentative Plan Recommendation for the American Rescue Plan – Act of 2021. The first installment of \$4.3 million dollars has been received. The second (final) installment will be issued one year from now. Mr. Stephenson highlighted all major categories and his recommendations for each. He then emphasized the essential support workers premium pay category due to the possible termination of the National Emergency Declaration which would halt all expenditures in this category. He discussed in length the spirit of the U.S. Treasury Bill and its focus on lower paid employees. He specifically addressed the CAPS that are a part of the Federal Guidelines that we will adhere to: 1) maximum of \$13.00 per hour 2) \$25,000 maximum total per employee and 3) a 150% cap of the average Georgia wage for all occupations according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. He and Finance Director Laura Nichols are working on the numbers, and he will notify the Commissioners when they are ready for review.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adopt the Tentative Plan for the American Rescue Plan – Act of 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Committee Reports

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who turned the floor over to Ken Gay. Ken presented an edited version of the Section 3.269 Solar Energy Facility ordinance. Changes include increased footage in setbacks, restrictions in floodplain and areas of known localized flooding, a submission of a landscape design plan to the Department of Planning, and restrictions to the location of access gates. County Attorney Warren reviewed and approved the edited version.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion authorizing the staff to proceed with the next steps to approve the revision of the solar energy revision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.3590/gal on June 2, 2021 and the purchase of diesel fuel from Coastal Plains Farmers Co-op for \$2.3300/gal on June 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid approval for maintenance striping from low bidder Peek Pavement (\$221,750.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the annual bid approval for Ready Mix Portland Cement Concrete from Scruggs Concrete Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid for lighting/decals on (2) Ford Interceptors from Dana Safety (\$34,439.70). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid for lighting/decals on (2) Dodge Chargers from ProLogistics (\$28,898.90). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Vice Chairman Grady stated his concerns that the 2017 SPLOST - 2021 Resurfacing that came in over budget will only continue to increase. Because we have the money, instead of postponing the project, he feels the project should proceed. Commissioner Vonier made a motion to approve the 2021 Resurfacing Roads project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion passed 4-2 with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye and Commissioners Gross and Rich voting nay.

2017 SPLOST - 2021 Resurfacing						
Budget Analysis per Original Bid of 22 April 2021						
Acct. #		The Scruggs Company	Misc	Total Cost	Budget	
329-4123-541405	Bulloch Road	\$354,851.91	\$0.00	\$354,851.91	\$418,750.00	
329-4283-541405	Myrick Road	\$240,062.40	\$0.00	\$240,062.40	\$228,750.00	
329-4125-541405	Rook Road	\$83,526.23	\$0.00	\$83,526.23	\$46,250.00	
329-4178-541405	McMillan Road	\$603,818.73	\$0.00	\$603,818.73	\$507,750.00	
329-4142-541405	Salem Road	\$418,944.47	\$0.00	\$418,944.47	\$433,750.00	
329-4131-541405	**Enon Road	\$959,185.39	\$80,000.00	\$1,039,185.39	\$1,117,500.00	
329-4149-541405	Reichertville Road	\$444,161.53	\$0.00	\$444,161.53	\$291,250.00	
329-4158-541405	Powell Drive	\$223,315.17	\$0.00	\$223,315.17	\$165,000.00	
	Total	\$3,327,865.83	\$80,000.00	\$3,407,865.83	\$3,209,000.00	
** \$80,000 budget amendment to add cost of concrete pipe to replace all cross drains and recover asphalt						

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to approve the substitution of the purchase of (2) 2021 Ford Interceptors from Wade Ford (state contract/unavailable) to Phil Brennan Ford (immediate delivery). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced The Public Works Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on June 16, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. The Fleet Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on June 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Vice Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.



 Wiley E. Grady, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



 Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk