

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
September 28, 2021

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:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist.
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (absent)
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Pat Donahue, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Baggett gave the invocation.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who recommended the adoption of the Title VI Thomas County Area Transit System Plan. The Title VI Plan is renewed every three years, and there are very few modifications from the 2018 Title VI Plan.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adopt the 2021 Title VI Thomas County Area Transit System Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown referenced page 4 in the agenda packet and asked if there were any questions regarding the request to declare the items as surplus. Hearing none, Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to declare the items presented as surplus and to authorize the sale of the items on GovDeals/online auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Reports: Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who distributed information on a possible moratorium on residential rezoning. This will be an item on October's regular Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$2.4291/per gal. on September 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$2.2659/per gal. on September 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of new radios as presented from Motorola Solutions (\$1,545,118.53). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of 8 new Roll Off Containers for the Sanitation Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

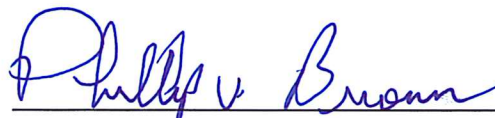
Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to ratify the acceptance of the 2020 Audit as presented by Simmons, Mills, and Simmons, P.C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the invoice to Simmons, Mills, and Simmons, P.C. for the completion of the 2020 Audit (remaining balance \$45,350.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced. The Public Property Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on October 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Emergency Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on October 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

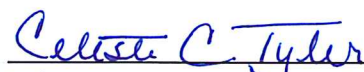
Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. (6:12 p.m.)

The Board of Commissioners returned to the Open Meeting (7:00 p.m.). No action was taken. Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown, and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk