

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
September 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
225 North Board Street

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:

Kenneth E. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6 (absent)	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Joseph Cargile sitting in for Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Twink Monahan, County Clerk, and Thelma Maxwell, Assistant County Clerk. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Commissioner Brown gave in invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to amend the motion on September 13 to correctly identify the lowboy that was declared surplus as Unit 236, 1982 Rome Lowboy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve minutes from the September 13, 2016 board meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Ellen Bosman, the director of Keep Thomas County Beautiful. Ms. Bosman gave the board an update of the activities throughout the year.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to ratify the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the grant funding of the shooting complex. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye. Commissioner Grady was absent.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to appoint Stephen Ron Kelley as a Safety Coordinator for Thomas County to serve along with Donnie Baggett. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to give CCH-Construction a Certificate of Occupancy as the final checklist has been approved by Lyndall Knight, Building Maintenance Supervisor, and Bill Eddings, Inspections, Planning and Zoning Department, and to release the final payment on the 911 Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the quote from Motorola to move the radio equipment from the old 911 Center to the new 911 Center for \$25,278.42. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to approve the FY2017 5311 Georgia DOT Operating and Capital contracts for Transit with a 10% local match for capital purchases of \$12,771.70. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Sandi Shaw. Mrs. Shaw presented the board with documents concerning range safety for their consideration.

Chairman Hickey recognized Thomasville City School's Coach Josh Nishwonger. Coach Nishwonger introduced Anna Jense and Maggie Martin who are the school's Senior representatives of the Secretary of State Student Ambassadors program.

Mr. Stephenson explained to the board that the department requests for the 2017 budget have been distributed to them for review. He also stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the Georgia Department of Corrections tomorrow (9.28.2016) in Forsyth.

Commissioner NeSmith reported that a portion of the Dollar Store Road has been closed because the bridge over Horse Creek needs an emergency repair. Notice from the Georgia Dept. of Transportation was received by Public Works this morning.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the emergency repair request by Public Works. The quote is from Southern Concrete Construction Company for \$15,553 and for them to start work this week finishing by the weekend. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to ratify the purchase of a tanker of diesel fuel on 9/13/2016 from Petroleum at \$1.5001 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Mays voting aye.

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



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman



M. Twink Monahan, Clerk