

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 10, 2017

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:

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner J. Elaine Mays who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/11/2016 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Mays voting aye.

Out-going Commissioner Mays recognized Zippy T. Vonier the new commissioner for District 8. Ms. Mays welcomed Commissioner Vonier, gave some encouraging words and asked Mrs. B. J. Vonier to come forward and pin the Thomas County lapel pin on her husband. Chairman Hickey welcomed Commissioner Vonier and asked him to be seated.

Mrs. Mays thanked the board and stated that it had been a great run.

Chairman Hickey turned the meeting over to Bruce Warren, County Attorney, to serve as temporary Chairman for the purpose of electing the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Bruce Warren opened the floor for nominations for chairman.

Bruce Warren recognized Commissioner NeSmith who nominated Commissioner Hickey for Chairman of the 2017 Board. Mr. Warren asked for any other nominations. Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Mr. Warren confirmed Commissioner Hickey's appointment as Chairman for 2017 by acclamation.

Bruce Warren opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Grady nominated Commissioner Brown for Vice-Chairman of the 2017 Board. Mr. Warren asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Grady who made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Mr. Warren confirmed Commissioner Brown's appointment as Vice-Chairman for 2017, by acclamation.

Mr. Warren turned the meeting over to Chairman Hickey.

Chairman Hickey thanked the board for their vote of confidence and said that he takes the welfare of this county seriously and that he looks forward to serving as chairman.

Vice-Chairman Brown thanked the board for the election as Vice-Chairman and looks forward to serving Thomas County in this capacity.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to reappoint Bruce Warren as the 2017 County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey declared a Public Hearing for the close out process of the Thomas County CDBG 14p-y-136-1-5711 de-obligating the remaining grant funds of \$55,287.26.

Chairman Hickey asked if there was any citizen wishing to comment of the project. Being none, Chairman Hickey declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Hickey recognized Tony Wooten, Public Works Director. Mr. Wooten explained that the project was for Avalone Estates, Lillie Lane and Pine Run Subdivision, Brinson Road and Thomas Drive. The project is complete and the citizens are very appreciative. Commissioner NeSmith stated that these grants serve the needs of the community and we are grateful for the awards received.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to approve the closing of Thomas County CDBG 14p-y-136-1-5711 and de-obligating \$55,278.26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey made a motion to ratify the purchase of gas on December 20, 2016; from Petroleum Products at \$1.7690 per gallon and diesel from Plantation Petroleum at \$1.7400 per gallon on January 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the second full term of Nathan Wilson to the Board of Elections and Registration which will end on 12/31/2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried by a 4 to 3 vote; Chairman Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye. Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker and Gross voting nay.

Michael Stephenson, County Manager, discussed the following budget amendment and asked the board for approval.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendment 17-1-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT 17-1-1
2012 SPLOST - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (328)
January 10, 2017

Account	Description	Original 2016 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Expenses				
328-4244-54-1405	Infra Roads-Parramore Fish Pond	283,217	345,626	62,409
328-4245-54-1405	Infra Roads-Lower Boston Road	377,902	461,175	83,273
328-9010-57-9000	Contingencies	1,586,813	1,441,131	-145,682
	Total			0

Net Increase to Expenses \$0

Chairman Hickey stated that since he attends the Regional Work Force meetings in Camilla he will serve on the Regional Board, also.

Chairman Hickey recognized Lauren Basford from the Chamber and thanked her for attending.

Mr. Stephenson stated the Annual Planning Session will be Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 8:30.

Road Committee

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Road Committee to contract with Capital Asphalt for \$81,305 for paving the parking lot at the Hancock Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Road Committee to contract with Stuckey Construction for \$49,344 for the installation curb and gutter in the parking lot at the Hancock Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Road Committee to contract with Mark Johnson Construction for \$28,400 for the framing of the sanitation offices at the Patten Coolidge Collection Site and Dillon Collection Site. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

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



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk