

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
June 13, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 p.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, County Manager, R. Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Thelma Maxwell, Assistant Clerk and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX/WLOR.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Baker who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/23/2017 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 Vonier voting aye.

Mr. Lyndall Knight was present representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. Mr. Knight presented James Hart a Thomas County paramedic with a certificate of recognition for his service in the armed forces. Mr. Knight also presented two certificates to Robert Brettel for his service in the armed forces and for his service in the Vietnam War.

Chairman Hickey recognized Terri Jenkins the Executive Director of the American Red Cross of South Georgia. Ms. Jenkins said that the main office is based in Valdosta and there is a local office on Lester Street which volunteer staff. Mr. Jenkins also said the Red Cross needs more volunteers and shelter managers. Any assistance the county can provide finding volunteers would be appreciated.

Chairman Hickey recognized Joe Brown with Thomasville Landmarks. Mr. Brown stated that after 6 years the Metcalfe Streetscape Project is ready to submit to the Georgia Department of Transportation. The project consists of 2 blocks, trees, gutter, lights and benches. He asked the board to execute the necessary documents to proceed.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to authorize the chairman to execute the necessary documents to proceed with P.I. No. 0010609, Thomas County Metcalfe T.E. Project to receive federal funding from Transportation Enhancement Activities for Georgia. 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 Heather Collins from the Metcalfe Community Association. Ms. Collins told the board that she appreciated all that was being done in Metcalf. She went on to say that drainage, overgrown vegetation, and potholes should be addressed first. Mr. Joe Brown stated that drainage was

not a part of the federal grant for streetscape. The matter was turned over to the Public Works office to inspect.

Chairman Hickey recognized Ken Gay attending on his first day as the Interim Director of Inspections, Planning and Zoning.


Reports

Mr. Stephenson distributed documents for the 3 items to be presented to the PLUS Commission on Monday the 19th. Application 17-6-1, Conditional Use GPS Tower, application 17-6-2, Hunt Road Variance and application 17-6-3, conditional use solar facility. Mr. Stephenson said that he attended the Technical Review meeting and will be at the PLUS Commission meeting on Monday. He explained in detail each application the application's relevance to the Thomas County ordinance and staff's procedure for recommendation. The findings and recommendations for these applications will come before the board at the June 27th meeting.

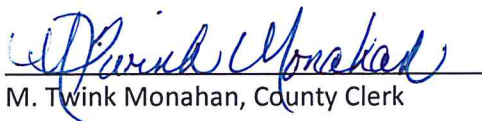
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the Petroleum Products purchase of gas and diesel on 5/26/2017; gas \$1.77624 and diesel \$1.6335 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Committee meetings were announced; Finance Wednesday 6/14/2017 9:00 a.m. conference room, Emergency Services Tuesday 6/20/2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Historic Courthouse, Purchasing Wednesday 7/5/2017 at 6:00 p.m. conference room, and Public Property 8:30 a.m. at the Prison on 7/6/2017.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. 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