

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
March 14, 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 County Manager, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX. Bruce Warren, County Attorney was also present.

Other staff present was

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Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/21/17 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.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the 2/23/2017 diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products at \$1.7394 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendations to award the equipment and vehicle purchases and leases as listed below. 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.

1. Dodge Chargers – Stallings Automotive for \$38,058.12 each, 4 totaling \$152,232.48
2. West Chatham Warning Devices for lights and Equipment for \$14,303.12, 4 totaling \$57,212.48 Total purchase - 4 Dodge Chargers including Lights and Equipment – \$152,232.48
3. Pick-Up Trucks –Stallings Automotive for \$25,127 each, Total purchase, \$50,254
4. Motor Grader Lease (5 years) – Yancey Brothers, 2017 Caterpillar 12M3 with Front-Mounted Scarifier, annual lease payment of \$24,956.00
5. Yancey Brothers – Accept cash trade-in allowance of Unit #10-106 Caterpillar 140M \$103,000.00

6. Motor Grader Lease (5 years) – Flint Equipment, 2017 John Deere 670G with Rome GS16 Sloper, Annual lease \$25,921.72
7. Tilt Trailer – Bishop Trailers and Equipment, 2017 20Ton tilt trailer for \$19,500.00
8. Mid-sized Utility Tractor – TNT Super Center, 2017 Mahindra MPOWER 85 \$42,767.50

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve Equipment financing totaling \$606,853 for the equipment listed below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

1. Compact Excavator & Mulch Head - Yancey Brothers, 2017 CAT 308E2 Compact Excavator, \$101,000.00, 4 year/3000 hour Warranty, \$1,740, Total with warranty \$102,740; Yancey Brothers Denis Cimaf DAH-050C mulch head- \$31,000, Total purchase \$133,740
2. Self-Contained Boom Mower –with a Front Attachment Hitch from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company, \$148,000
3. Vac Truck – Adams Equipment Company for the 2017 Freightliner 1145D and VAC-Con V390/1000 LHA-P for \$325,113.00

Commissioner NeSmith stated that the board is conducting a cost analysis on the operations of the Emergency Medical Service. The Emergency Services Committee is looking a three (3) areas that could possibly produce a cost savings to Thomas County taxpayers; contracting services, billing/collection services and combining EMS and Fire Services.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify a cost study for Fire/EMS consolidation with National Fire Services Office for \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried 7 to 1 vote; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye. Commissioner Gross voting nay.

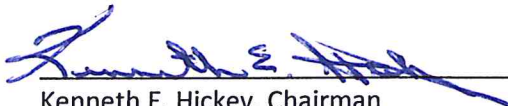
Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner 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.

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman