

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
May 23, 2017

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, 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 Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Others present were Bruce Warren.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

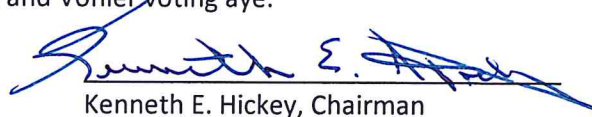
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/9/2017 Board Meeting, and 5/9/2017 Closed Session as corrected and 5/23/2017 County Workshop as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Melody Pierce, Interim Executive Director of WorkSource SW Georgia. Ms. Pierce explained the undertakings and goals of the agency. She further explained that they work with 14 counties and the program is overseen by Governor Deal's Workforce. Workforce acts in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Labor and technical colleges to identify occupational needs in the area and work with the labor force to upgrade skills.

Chairman Hickey recognized Stewart and Donna Lamon of the Sanford Road. Mr. Lamon asked the board for reconsideration in reference to a zoning violation letter received from the county attorney, Mr. Warren. The letter stated that he had to move a building located in the front of his house and he could not afford it. Mr. Warren said the county ordinance doesn't allow accessories in front yards and the county has to enforce its ordinances.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady 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