

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
November 28, 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 (absent)	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 County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan, and Assistant County Clerk Thelma Maxwell. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Inspections, Planning and Zoning Director Ken Gay and Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the 11/13/2017 Budget Hearing and the 11/14/2017 Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Andrea Collins. Ms. Collins was appointed as the Executive Director of the Thomasville – Thomas County Chamber of Commerce in June 2017. She introduced herself and gave a brief working history to the board. Ms. Collins also told the board that she plans to attend the board meetings when possible to help acquaint herself with Thomas County and to be available to the board if needed.

At 6:06, Chairman Hickey declared a Public Hearing to gather public input for Conditional Use Application 17-11-1, The Scruggs Company, Property Owner. Mike Fisher, General Manger requests a conditional use zoning for the property located on Maddox Road (60.81 acres more or less identified on Map 75, Parcel 52B) from Ag to Ag C.U. Surface Mining so as to allow for surface mining on an 11.7 acre portion of the tract.

Chairman Hickey made a statement to the public present that the Planning and Land Use Commission (PLUS) members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners and have the difficult charge to review applications for compliance to the code set by the Board of Commissioners. He also stated that the all comments will be held in an orderly manner. Chairman Hickey asked for the staff's findings. Donna Holbert explained that The Scruggs Company has met six (6) of the seven (7) standard criteria with #5 to the conditional use on an agricultural zoning parcel of 60.83 acres not being met. They wish to surface mine, dirt, from 11.7 acres of the parcel. Condition #5 deals with neighboring properties. The Planning and Land Use Commission (PLUS) approved the application unanimously.

Chairman Hickey asked for comments from the landowner's representative. Mike Fisher said that The Scruggs Company plans to surface mine a borrow pit and later make the pit a pond site on the 60.83 acre tract.

Chairman Hickey asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the application. He recognized Terri Gainey, a resident of Jane's Lane. Ms. Gainey submitted a list of 7 criteria with questions concerning each one. Examples: would like to review the MSHA regulation, effect on property values, soil erosion/sediment control plan, groundwater levels, the unknown length of the project, character of the neighborhood, steps taken to minimize effect on neighborhood, site design, landscaping, screening, dust, excessive road maintenance, and restoration plan. Others recognized in opposition were Larry Williams on the Maddox Road and Phillip Beverly of the McMillan Road, both citing dust and time limitation for the project

Commissioner Grady asked Mike Fisher to respond to the access that was given to the McMillan Road. He said that Mr. Turner gave The Scruggs Company access to McMillan for when weather was a problem to exit on the Maddox Road. He also stated that he was not sure how long the project would last. In response to a question by Commissioner NeSmith, Mr. Fisher said the dirt will be sold and used by The Scruggs Company. He also stated that when the project was complete that they would sell all 60 acres.

Mr. James Hall of Jane's land he also has concerns about the dust because he has asthma.

Chairman Hickey closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

The board members considered all matters heard in the hearing. They concluded the best solution would be for the concerned landowners and Mike Fisher, The Scruggs Company, should meet and work out a compromise. The compromise could then be considered as the 'conditions' of the conditional use.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to postpone any action on Application 17-11-1, The Scruggs Company, AG to AG Conditional Use for Surface mining until the 2nd meeting in January, 1/23/2018. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Geary Hollard who apologized for his actions at the PLUS meeting.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the list of tires submitted by the Fleet Services Manager, obsolete and surplus, and include them in the December 2, 2017 auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the request to add wine to the current beer license for UMROA KHURD Corporation, Zahid Hussain's, dba Speedway Food Mart. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the 2017/2018 Department of Human Resources Transit Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the 2018 Public Defender's contract. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously;

Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the list of 2018 County Holidays, Holiday Observation Days and Board meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

2018 Board Meeting Schedule

January	9	23
February	13	27
March	13	27
April	10	24
May	8	22
June	12	26
July	10	24
August	14	28
September	11	25
October	9	23
November	13	27
December	11	none

2018 County Holidays

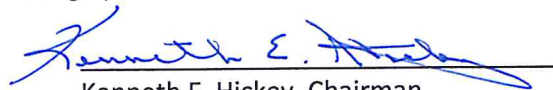
January 1, Monday	New Year's Day
January 15, Monday	Martin Luther King Day
May 28, Monday	Memorial Day
July 4, Wednesday	Fourth of July
September 3, Monday	Labor Day
November 22, Thursday	Thanksgiving
November 23, Friday	Mandatory Annual Leave (11/14/1989)
December 24, 25, Monday/Tuesday	Christmas Holidays

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January 1, Tuesday	New Year's Day
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There were no citizen's present asking to address the board. Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

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, Commissioners Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.


Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk