

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 24, 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 County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Assistant County Clerk Thelma Maxwell, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present was Tony Bodiford, Public Works Director

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey referred to the next item on the agenda, alcohol sales, and asked if any Commissioner would like to make a motion. Commissioner Gross stated that he is neither a proponent nor opponent of Sunday sales. The citizens should be given the chance to vote on the issue. He also noted that all surrounding cities and counties have Sunday sales.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to approve for a referendum to be put on the ballot at next election for Sunday sales of beer and wine. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion failed with a 5 to 3 vote. Voting yea were Commissioners Gross, Baker and Vonier. Voting nay were Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Ansley, Grady and NeSmith.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the amended surplus equipment list from Public Works, noting that Unit 546 sheep foot roller, was previously scrapped. 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.

No one wished to speak when the meeting was opened for public comments.

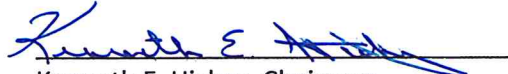
Bruce Warren reported the city attorney has had no reply from the city on the radio contract and Pinetree Blvd. agreement.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel and gas from Petroleum Products on October 13, 2017; gas \$1.8212, diesel \$1.9150. 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 recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to contract with Jim Boyd Construction for the 2016 CDBG Project,
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Foxcroft, at \$742,378.90 noting that the grant was for \$500,000, funding the \$242,378.90 from SPLOST and give the County Manager the authority to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. 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.


Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk