

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 28, 2018

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (Absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, and Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert and County Clerk Twink Monahan. News media present was Patti Dozier.

Sheriff R. Carlton Powell, Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester and Commissioner Elect Donnie Baggett were also present.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/14/2018 regular board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady declared a public hearing to receive citizen comments for two (2) rezoning applications.

Application 18-8-1, Elizabeth Treat, Oak Hill Road, RM11 to Ag, 32.82 +/- acres, to allow for a single family residence.

Chairman Grady recognized Donna Holbert who gave an explanation of Application 18-8-1. Chairman Grady asked if there was anyone present either in favor or not in favor of the request. There were no comments.

Application 18-8-2, L&M Properties of Thomas County LLC, Jerry Pionessa Agent, Ag to RM11, 16.53 acres +/-, to allow for single family and 2-family lots

Chairman Grady recognized Donna Holbert who gave an explanation of Application 18-8-2. Chairman Grady asked if there was anyone present either in favor or not in favor of the request. There were no comments.

Chairman Grady declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve rezoning application 18-8-1, Elizabeth Treat changing from RM11 to Ag to allow for a single family residence on approximately 32.82 acres on the Oak Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve rezoning application 18-8-2, L & M Properties of Thomas County LLC, Matt Bennett, change from Ag to RM11 to allow for single family and 2-family lots on approximately 16.53 acres on Cassidy Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the 2018 rollback millage rates for Thomas County and Thomas County Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

RESOLUTION

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 920
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31799
August 28, 2018

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting for County purposes in a special called meeting and for the purpose of setting millage and levying a tax for 2018, that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and five thousandths (9.005) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the incorporated areas of said Thomas County, and that it be and is hereby ordered that nine and five thousandths (9.005) mills with a roll back of Insurance Premium Tax of one and four hundred seventy four thousandths (1.474) mills leaving seven and five hundred thirty one thousandths (7.531) mills on each one dollar of all taxable property in the unincorporated area in said Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for Thomas County purposes, said rate to be apportioned for legal purposes of said Thomas County under constitutional limitations of the State of Georgia; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said Thomas County purposes, as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: The proper Legislation was enacted and a referendum was held there under as provided therein on June 16, 1965, at which time the voters of Fire District Number 1 and 2, as described in said Legislation approved said Act creating fire districts in Thomas County and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, to levy upon the taxable value of all property within such fire districts for fire protection purposes in said districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that three and sixty three thousandths (3.063) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 1, and three and seventy thousandths (3.070) mills upon taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said Fire District 2, as described in said act creating Fire Districts in Thomas County, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be, and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purposes by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted Resolution dated December 9, 1986, that there is created within Thomas County, Georgia, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II, paragraph VI, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, of 1983, a special service district to be known as Fire District No. 3 of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting for County purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that two and three hundred forty thousandths (2.340) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said County Fire District 3, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing fire protection services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners of Thomas County have adopted a Resolution dated February 11, 2003 that there is created in Thomas County, pursuant to the authority of Article IX, Section II Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, a special service district to be known as Emergency Service District of Thomas County, Georgia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in a regular meeting for County Purposes, that it be and it is hereby ordered that one and seven hundred thirty five thousandths (1.735) mills upon the taxable value of each one dollar of all property located in said county Emergency Services District, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose of said County furnishing emergency services within such district; and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for said purpose by law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, that it be and is hereby ordered that said mills above be assessed for State purposes and that the Tax Commissioner of said Thomas County, be instructed to collect the same as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS: the Board of Education of Thomas County, Georgia, having recommended a levy of fourteen and three hundred three thousandths mills (14.303) on all taxable property in said Thomas County, not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, for the support and maintenance of education for County-wide schools, as provided by law for the taxable year of 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia, sitting in regular meeting that the taxable year 2018 a tax of fourteen and three hundred three thousandths mills (14.303) for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools be levied on each one dollar of all the taxable property in said Thomas County not embraced within the present corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and that the Tax Commissioner of Thomas County, Georgia, be and is hereby instructed to collect the same for the support and maintenance for County-wide schools for the taxable year of 2018 as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Commissioner is hereby instructed to set a due date of November 15, 2018 for 2018 taxes.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to appoint Blake McRae to an unexpired vacant term on the Planning and Land Use Commission ending 12/31/2021, with eligibility to be appointed to 2 additional full terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve 2 resolutions for the collection of 911 Fees for pre-paid wireless services and other than prepaid wireless services effective 8/28/2018 for compliance to HB751, GA. L. 2018, p. 689. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA UPDATING AND AUTHORIZING 9-1-1 CHARGES ON TELEPHONE SERVICES AND WIRELESS ENHANCED 9-1-1 CHARGES OTHER THAN PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the general law regarding 9-1-1 charges has been substantially modernized and revised by Ga. L. 2018, p. 689, HB 751; and

WHEREAS, many of these revisions include oversight and administration of 9-1-1 matters by the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority and the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County, Georgia desires to update its 9-1-1 charges in accordance with revisions to state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

Unless specified otherwise in this resolution, all terms shall be defined in the same manner as specified in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-122.

Section 2. 9-1-1 Charges on Monthly Services

(a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-133(a), there is imposed a monthly 9-1-1 charge upon each telephone service, subscribed to by a telephone subscriber, whose exchange access lines are in the areas served or which could be served by the 9-1-1 service. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134(a) (1) (A), the amount of such 9-1-1 charge shall be \$1.50 per month per telephone service provided to the telephone subscriber.

(b) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-133(a), there is imposed a monthly wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge upon each wireless telecommunications connection, other than a connection for prepaid wireless service, subscribed to by a telephone subscriber whose place of primary use is within the geographic area that is served by Thomas County, Georgia, or that would be served by Thomas County, Georgia, for the purpose of such an emergency 9-1-1 system. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-5-134(a)(2)(A), the amount of such enhanced wireless 9-1-1 charge shall be \$1.50 per month per wireless telecommunications connection provided to the telephone subscriber.

(c) The 9-1-1 charges under this section shall commence September 1, 2018.

Section 3. Collecting and Remitting of 9-1-1 Charges

All such 9-1-1 charges collected by service suppliers shall be remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue, as the contracted collection partner of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, at the times and in the manner provided by O.C.G.A. § 38-3-185, O.C.G.A. § 38-3-186, and any other Georgia Department of Revenue or Georgia Emergency Communications Authority rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Article 12 of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A. and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Administrative Procedures Act".

Section 4. Deposit and Use of Proceeds

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134, all proceeds received by Thomas County from 9-1-1 charges imposed by this resolution shall be deposited in the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the county; kept separate from general revenue of the county; and used exclusively for the statutorily authorized purposes.

Section 5. Resolution Filing Requirements

The Clerk of the County shall file with the state revenue commissioner a certified copy of this resolution within ten (10) days of the adoption thereof. Any subsequent amendment to this resolution shall likewise be so filed by the clerk within ten (10) days of the adoption thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date and Applicability

This resolution shall become effective on September 1, 2018. Any prior resolution establishing such 9-1-1 charges shall remain in effect until August 31, 2018. On such date, such 9-1-1 charges shall be governed by this resolution.

Section 7. Repealer

All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict with this resolution are repealed as of August 31, 2018.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA UPDATING AND AUTHORIZING 9-1-1 CHARGES ON PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the general law regarding 9-1-1 charges has been substantially modernized and revised by Ga. L. 2018, p. 689, HB 751; and

WHEREAS, many of these revisions include oversight and administration of 9-1-1 matters by the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority and the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County, Georgia desires to update its 9-1-1 prepaid wireless charges in accordance with revisions to state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

Unless specified otherwise in this resolution, all terms shall be defined in the same manner as specified in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-122.

Section 2. 9-1-1 Charges on Monthly Services

(a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-134.2(b)(1), there is imposed a prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge and the amount of such 9-1-1 charge shall be \$1.50 per retail transaction occurring within the jurisdiction of public safety answering point.
(d) The 9-1-1 charges under this section shall commence September 1, 2018.

Section 3. Collecting and Remitting of 9-1-1 Charges

All such 9-1-1 charges collected by service suppliers shall be remitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue, as the contracted collection partner of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, at the times and in the manner provided by O.C.G.A. § 38-3-185, O.C.G.A. § 38-3-186, and any other Georgia Department of Revenue or Georgia Emergency Communications Authority rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Article 12 of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A. and Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Administrative Procedures Act".

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Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify 7,500 gallons of diesel fuel purchased on 8/22/2018 from Petroleum Products at \$2.1868. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to exercise the option to extend the mowing and litter contract for 3 years at \$284,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the \$20,925 annual county salary for the Family and Consumer Science Agent for the UGA Extension Service already listed in the budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve a closed session of the board to discuss a personnel matter; §50-14-3(6) at 6:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to return to open session at 6:44 p.m. and reported there is no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.


Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Vonier, and Ansley voting aye.



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk