

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
December 11, 2018

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a public hearing 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, Dist. 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8, Absent

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, October 23, November 12 and November 27, 2018 board meetings. 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 the 2019 Budget Resolution as follows for all funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

**Thomas County  
2019 Budget Resolution  
All Funds**

**Whereas**, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners is required by Georgia law to approve balanced budgets for all funds; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, November 12, 2018, as required by Georgia law to receive public comment on the proposed budget; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners has carefully considered the interests of the citizens of Thomas County, the requirements of public services provided thereunto and the extent of financial resources available to county government.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the following budgets are adopted and approved effective on January 1, 2019:

General Fund		
Revenues	\$	22,749,186
Expenses	\$	22,749,186
Unincorporated Services		
Revenues	\$	1,109,272
Expenses	\$	1,109,272
Drug Education Fund		
Revenues	\$	30,000
Expenses	\$	30,000
Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture Fund		
Revenues	\$	60,000
Expenses	\$	60,000

Sheriff's Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund		
Revenues	\$	30,000
Expenses	\$	30,000
Enhanced 911 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,551,863
Expenses	\$	1,551,863
Central Fire District 1 & 2 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,223,531
Expenses	\$	1,223,531
Thomas County Fire Rescue-Fire District 3 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,346,100
Expenses	\$	1,346,100
Emergency Services Fund		
Revenues	\$	5,469,300
Expenses	\$	5,469,300
Commercial Collection Fund		
Revenues	\$	85,300
Expenses	\$	85,300
Health Benefits Fund		
Revenues	\$	4,843,100
Expenses	\$	4,843,100
Airport Fund		
Revenues	\$	10,000
Expenses	\$	10,000
Law Library Fund		
Revenues	\$	40,000
Expenses	\$	40,000
County-wide 2012 SPLOST Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	42,000,000
Expenses	\$	42,000,000
County-wide 2017 SPLOST Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	42,000,000
Expenses	\$	42,000,000
Thomas County 2006 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	28,110,976
Expenses	\$	28,110,976
Thomas County 2012 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	22,585,774
Expenses	\$	22,585,774
Thomas County 2017 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	20,412,000
Expenses	\$	20,412,000
Thomas County Area Transit		
Revenues	\$	1,161,818
Expenses	\$	1,161,818
Impact Fees Fund		
Revenues	\$	320,000
Expenses	\$	320,000
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund		
Revenues	\$	300,900
Expenses	\$	300,900
Capital Improvement Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	7,770,873
Expenses	\$	7,770,873
Recreation Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,591,000
Expenses	\$	1,591,000

Approved this the eleventh day of December 2018.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Amendment #1 to Collaborative written agreement between Thomas County School District and Thomas County Sheriff's Office concerning School Resource Officer Program as shown below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

AMENDMENT #1 TO COLLABORATIVE WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THOMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §20-2-1183

This amendment is to correct an error in section 9 of the agreement signed August 7, 2018. Section 9 of the previous agreement is stricken and replaced with the following section:

COMPENSATION FOR SRO PROGRAM

The School District shall compensate the Sheriff's Office for providing SRO services in the amount of \$48,168.00 annually per SRO, or an annual total of \$337,176.00. The School District shall be invoiced monthly from August through April of each year (nine installments). The parties agree to cooperate and pursue any grants or alternative funding that may be available to assist with any funding of the program. Prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the School District will request from both the Sheriff's Office and the County Manager's Office information regarding the anticipated per SRO cost for the upcoming school year. The Sheriff (or designee) and/or the County Manager (or designee) shall provide the anticipated per SRO cost for the upcoming year by April 1. The School District will notify the Sheriff's Office and the County Manager by June 1<sup>st</sup> of any anticipated reduction in the number of SROs that will be included in the School District's budget for the following school year.

BY:

Superintendent, Thomas County Schools  
 Sheriff, Thomas County  
 County Manager, Thomas County

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the 2019 Board meeting schedule and the 2019 County Holiday schedule as follows. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

*2019 Board Meeting Schedule*

January	8	22
February	12	26
March	12	26
April	9	23
May	14	28
June	11	25
July	9	23
August	13	27
September	10	24
October	8	22
November	12	26
December	10	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting

2019 County Holidays

January 1, Tuesday	New Year's Day
January 21, Monday	Martin Luther King Day
May 27, Monday	Memorial Day
July 4, Thursday	Fourth of July
September 2, Monday	Labor Day
November 28, Thursday	Thanksgiving
November 29, Friday	Mandatory Annual Leave (11/14/1989)
December 24, 25	Tues. / Wed. Christmas Holidays
2020 January 1, Wednesday	New Year's Day

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the FY2019 Department of Human Services Transportation Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to reappoint Eddie Brown, Jr. to the Board of Tax Assessors for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. 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 the 2016 and 2017 Emergency Medical write offs from the old billing company totaling \$66,989.28. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

County Manager Stephenson brought to the board's attention the 2018 Budget Summary included in the agenda packet.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioners Merrill E. Baker, Jr. representing District 1 and Hershel P. Ansley representing District 5. Chairman Grady said since he has been serving on the board he has enjoyed working with them and is thankful for all they have accomplished. Commissioner Baker has served for 12 years and Commissioner Ansley for 8 years. Jeremy G. Rich will be the new Commissioner for District 1 Commissioner and Donnie L. Baggett the new Commissioner for District 5. Their service will begin in January 2019.

Commission Baker said he has enjoyed serving and seeing many improvements to county facilities in the past 12 years. Commissioner Ansley said he has learned a great deal about the community and the people since he started his service. Both commissioners choose to not seek reelection.

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

  
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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk  
December 11, 2018  
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