

Minutes
 Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
 225 North Board Street
 July 24, 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

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. There was no news media present

Commissioners Elect Donnie Baggett and Sheriff Carlton Powell were also present.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7/10/2018 regular board meeting. 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 Hickey who made a motion to approve the resolution outlining the conditions of zoning application 18-6-2 Sunshine Properties of Thomasville, LLC, Garrett, agent for the property owner, outlining the conditions approval procedures for the conditional use. 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.

County Manager Michael Stephenson reviewed his recommendation to adopt the tentative rollback tax millage rate. The board has used the rollback rate for the past 4 years. Setting the tentative rollback millage rate today will call for the adoption of the 2018 tax millage rate at the August 28, 2018, 6 p.m. board meeting.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to set the 2018 Tax Millage Rates at the rollback rates; incorporated 9.005, unincorporated 7.531. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

INCORPORATED	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Real & Personal	681,214,927	702,771,482	708,979,060	720,127,515	706,682,017	732,412,283
Motor Vehicles	45,685,040	40,652,610	28,987,920	21,372,190	16,236,490	12,490,940
Mobile Homes	2,067,149	2,059,898	2,043,591	2,089,725	1,989,764	1,860,383
Timber Tax	9,714	2,321	8,471	1,267	15,010	29,079
Heavy Duty Equip.	0	0	0	0	0	82,000
Gross Digest	728,976,830	745,486,311	740,019,042	743,590,697	724,923,281	746,874,685
Less Exemptions	23,593,013	23,008,995	19,015,232	19,419,220	20,338,903	37,575,309
FLPA Reimbursement Value	32,567	35,516	36,157	446,792	445,404	456,307
Net Digest	705,416,384	722,512,832	721,039,967	724,618,269	705,029,782	709,755,683

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Gross Millage	9.350	9.312	9.258	9.210	9.200	9.005
Less Rollbacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Millage	9.350	9.312	9.258	9.210	9.200	9.005
Net Taxes Levied	6,595,643.19	6,728,039.49	6,675,388.01	6,673,734.26	6,486,273.99	6,391,349.93
Net Levy \$ Increase	1,877,210.68	132,396.30	-52,651.48	-1,653.76	-187,460.26	-94,924.07
Net Levy % Increase	40%	2%	-1%	0%	-3%	-1%
UNINCORPORATED	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Real & Personal	926,096,465	942,432,991	954,489,111	972,244,911	1,001,382,801	1,020,697,230
Motor Vehicles	60,013,820	51,842,730	38,918,240	29,320,280	22,385,430	17,712,670
Mobile Homes	11,899,240	11,856,414	12,219,568	13,001,760	12,617,025	12,328,545
Timber	4,201,291	3,975,526	2,898,652	4,541,387	3,648,934	4,376,848
Heavy Duty Equip.	24,221	0	192,200	222,982	257,628	144,865
Gross Digest	1,002,235,037	1,010,107,661	1,008,717,771	1,019,331,320	1,040,291,818	1,055,260,158
Less Exemptions	251,016,531	254,066,131	257,133,640	259,417,475	263,995,855	267,457,923
FLPA Reimbursement Value	53,163,381	61,951,726	92,057,887	87,230,015	86,794,423	95,540,359
Net Digest	804,381,887	817,993,256	843,642,018	847,143,860	863,090,386	883,342,594
Gross Millage	9.350	9.312	9.258	9.210	9.200	9.005
Less Rollbacks	1.232	1.259	1.221	1.365	1.476	1.474
Net Millage	8.118	8.053	8.037	7.845	7.724	7.531
Net Taxes Levied	6,529,972.16	6,587,299.69	6,780,350.90	6,645,843.58	6,666,510.14	6,652,453.08
Net Levy \$ Increase	2,084,839.33	57,327.53	193,051.21	-134,507.32	20,666.56	-14,057.07
Net Levy % Increase	47%	1%	3%	-2%	0%	0%
TOTAL COUNTY WIDE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total County Value	1,509,798,271	1,540,506,088	1,564,681,985	1,571,762,129	1,568,120,168	1,593,098,277
Total County Levy	13,125,615.35	13,315,339.18	13,455,738.91	13,319,577.84	13,152,784.14	13,043,803.00
Net Levy \$ Increase	3,962,050.01	189,723.83	140,399.73	-136,161.07	-166,793.70	-108,981.14
Net Levy % Increase	43%	1%	1%	-1%	-1%	-1%

Mr. Stephenson commended Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester, Chief Tax Assessor Daniel Stokes and their staff for their work as a team. They are the best team Thomas County has had in a while.

Commissioner NeSmith commended Mr. Stephenson and the county staff for their continued efforts to control expenses.

Chairman Grady recognized Roy Lilly, Jr., attorney for Archbold Memorial Hospital. Mr. Lilly introduced Greg Hembree, Senior Vice President/CFO. Mr. Lilly explained Archbold and Thomas County have been in agreement for the Public Health Services Act, 340B Program since 2013. This federal program allows hospitals to purchase drugs at a lower cost providing indigent care for low-income individuals who are neither covered under Medicare or Medicaid. This agreement has to be renewed every 5 years.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Thomas County and John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the federal Public Health Services Act 340B Program to provide cost savings for indigent care. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THOMAS COUNTY
AND
JOHN D. ARCHBOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT is made this first day of October, 2018 by and between THOMAS COUNTY, acting through its Board of Commissioners ("County"), and JOHN D. ARCHBOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. ("Hospital"), a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Hospital is a nonprofit hospital that plays a vital role in the health care safety net by supporting programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured, and underinsured population in Thomas County, Georgia.

WHEREAS, Hospital desires to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act (the "340B Program");

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the 340B Program, Hospital must contract with a unit of state or local government pursuant to which Hospital commits to provide healthcare services to low-income individuals who are neither entitled to benefits under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (SSA)) nor eligible for assistance under Medicaid (Title XIX of the SSA);

WHEREAS, Hospital desires to make such a formal commitment to Thomas County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County agrees to accept such commitment on behalf of the citizens of Thomas County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, it is mutually agreed and covenanted, under seal, by and between the parties to this Agreement, as follows:

Commitment of Hospital to Provide Care to the Indigent, Uninsured, and Underinsured.

During the term of this Agreement, Hospital agrees to continue its historic commitment to the provision of healthcare to indigent, uninsured and underinsured residents of Thomas County, including low-income residents who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare on a best-efforts basis. In any event, Hospital will assure that all patients will receive necessary care, as required by law, regardless of ability to pay.

Acceptance and Acknowledgements of THOMAS COUNTY.

- a. Thomas County accepts the commitment of Hospital set forth above; and
- b. Thomas County shall provide to Hospital the name, title, email address, and phone number of a government official who can certify the status of this Agreement. The Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) will send to the government official an email asking the government official to certify the status of this Agreement. Thomas County will ensure that the government official responds to the email from OPA by certifying the status of this Agreement within five days of receiving the email.

Representations of Hospital.

Hospital represents that as of the date hereof:

- a. Hospital is a corporation duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Georgia with the corporate power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and
- b. Hospital is a tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended and under applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

Term. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first above written and shall continue for five (5) years.

Notice.

All notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed given when delivered by hand

or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

Sent to: THOMAS COUNTY
Attention: County Manager
P.O. Box 920
Thomasville, GA 31799

Sent to: JOHN D. ARCHBOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.
Attention: CEO
915 Gordon Avenue
Thomasville, GA 31792

Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, excepting any conflict of law provisions which would serve to defeat application of Georgia substantive law

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hospital and the County have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above by their duly authorized representatives.

JOHN D. ARCHBOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.
THOMAS COUNTY

Mr. Stephenson thanked everyone for the expressions of sympathy shown to him and his family for the loss of his mother, Faye W. Stephenson.

He reported the clearing has started at the shooting range. He again commended the Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioner for the excellent job in the preparation of the digest.

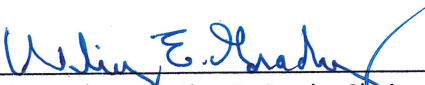
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the purchase of 7,500 gallons of diesel fuel on July 12, 2018 from Petroleum Products at \$2.1773. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown.

The Purchasing Committee meeting was changed to 8/9/2018 at 8:30 a.m.; Finance Committee meeting was set for 8/7/2018 at 9:00 a.m.; Public Property Committee meeting 8/2/2018.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to enter into closed session for consultation with legal counsel at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to return to open session at 6:42 p.m. reporting 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, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

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