

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
March 13, 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, Bruce County Attorney Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Assistant Clerk Thelma Maxwell. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Jay Knight, Public Works Director, Donna Holbert, Inspections, Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Hickey gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Jay Knight explained all of the items previously sent to the Heard's Pond Homeowners Association had been brought to county specifications. Aaron Coch, attorney for the Heard's Pond Homeowner's Association, Inc. has prepared a quit-claim deed to be recorded.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve accept Cattail Road,, Heard's Pond Lane, Lost Creek Lane, Salt Lick Lane, Slash Pine Road North, Slash Pine Road South, Spur Lane, and Stirrup Lane bringing the streets in the Heard's Pond Subdivision into the County's road maintenance system. 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.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the 2018 Operational Budget for Thomasville/Thomas County Public Safety radio system, annual \$340,030; monthly per unit \$28.56 reduced to \$20.80; County units 493. 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.

County Manager Michael Stephenson asked Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert to explain the two (2) Conditional Use applications for cellular communications towers to be heard at the next meeting. She explained Application 18-3-1 is for a 300' tower on the Beeline Road and 18-3-2 is a 350' tower on GA Hwy 3. Both towers are being proposed by Value Concepts, Inc. a tower company. Criteria 2 of the 7 zoning criteria states both towers will have an adverse effect on the adjacent property owners because of the tower's visibility. All other criteria have been met. Staff has recommended the towers be approved and

the applications will be heard by the Planning and Land Use Standards Commission on March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner NeSmith asked about towers in close proximity or within a 5-mile radius of the proposed sites. Ms. Holbert stated there was no language in the ordinance addressing a 5-mile radius.

County Attorney Bruce Warren asked the board if he was being asked to strengthen the county ordinance in reference to the clay that the trucks from Oil Dri are leaving on the county roads making the roads slick. Commissioner Hickey said Oil Dri is taking steps to lessen what the truck track from the plant already. He would like to wait to see if they will continue with their effort.

Mr. Warren also said that the ad for closing a portion of the Stephens Road will be in the paper and the public hearing is scheduled for the March 27, 2018 board meeting.

Commissioner NeSmith asked the mowing contract and litter control be turned over to the Road Committee. The committee meets on 3/21/2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation for the 2017 year end Budget Amendment 18-2-1 for the General Fund, Unincorporated Fund, and Emergency Services Fund. 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.

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT 18-2-1 - 2017 End of Year GENERAL FUND (100) March 13, 2018					
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Revenues					
100-33-4011	TLM-GDOT-Metcalf Project	0	120,000	120,000	
	Total			120,000	
Net Increase to Revenues					\$120,000
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Expenses					
100-2200-52- 2200	DA-Contracted R&M	0	1,729	1,729	

100-2800-54-2500	Public Defender-Copier	0	7,251	7,251	
100-3400-53-1100	Prison-General Supplies	31,000	20,020	-10,980	
100-5400-57-2135	Indigent Burials	3,000	5,000	2,000	
100-5500-52-1313	TLM-GDOT-Metcalfe Project	0	120,000	120,000	
	Total			120,000	
Net Increase to Expenses					\$120,000
2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT 18-2-1 - 2017 End of Year UNINCORPORATED FUND (200)					
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Revenues					
200-39-1005	Transfer In-General Fund	0	1,400,000	1,400,000	
	Total			1,400,000	
Net Increase to Revenues					\$1,400,000
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Expenses					
200-8010-58-1100	Debt Service-Fire Trucks	0	1,400,000	1,400,000	
	Total			1,400,000	
Net Increase to Expenses					\$1,400,000

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT 18-2-1 - 2017 End of Year  
EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND (273)

Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Revenues					
273-33-1000	Federal Govt Grants-Storm	0	295,000	295,000	
273-39-9060	Carryover of Funds	331,375	245,550	-85,825	
	Total			209,175	
Net Increase to Revenues					\$209,175
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
Expenses					
273-3600-51-1100	EMS-Salaries	1,680,576	1,629,000	(51,576)	
273-3600-51-2100	EMS-Group Insurance	360,000	344,527	(15,473)	
273-3605-51-1100	Firefighter/Medics-Salaries	353,751	420,800	67,049	
273-3610-53-1300	EMA-EOC Storm Expenses	500	149,000	148,500	
273-3610-53-1602	EMA-Small Equipment-Computer	-	5,600	5,600	
273-3610-54-1200	EMA-Storm Shutters	-	25,500	25,500	
273-3610-54-2500	EMA-Equipment-3 Generators	-	24,900	24,900	
273-3611-54-2400	GIS-Computer Server	5,195	9,870	4,675	
	Total			209,175	

Net Increase to Expenses				\$209,175
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Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation to make the 2017 annual distribution of the Drug Education fund based on the schools’ FTE: Sheriff’s Office \$23,800, Police Department \$11,200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee’s recommendation to buy Laptops with mounting equipment for the patrol cars from Howard Technology at \$95,999.86. 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.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee’s recommendation contract with The Scruggs Company to Resurface and Widen the following roads for \$3,678,712.51 with 2012 SPLOST Funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Legion Rd	\$ 44,850.00
Old 84 West	\$109,440.00
Old 84 East	\$330,750.00
Whitney Camp Rd	\$183,750.00
Sally Rd	\$155,250.00
Scott Rd	\$371,700.00
Springhill Rd	\$1,116,300.00
Five Forks Rd	\$866,180.00
Stewart Rd	<u>\$757,000.00</u>
Total Budget	\$3,935,220.00

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee’s recommendation for the following Motor Grader Leases with Flint Equipment: \$32,061.08 annual / \$160,305.40 5 yrs.; \$22,439.68 annual / \$112,198.40 5 yrs.\$22,090.95 annual / \$110,454.75 5 yrs. With the total annual lease payments of \$76,591.71. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee’s recommendation and award the Road Spraying Chemicals to the low bid per line item: Coastal Plains Farmers Co-op for \$15,337.55 and Meherrin Ag & Chemical for \$13,075.00. 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.

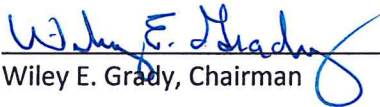
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee’s recommendation and award the paving of the Jail Justice Center parking lot to Green’s Backhoe Inc for \$18,928.16, in addition of the purchase of asphalt by the county, upon notification from the City of Thomasville’s acceptance of the expense. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith.

Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

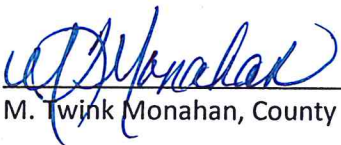
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to paint the Hancock Center and award the bid to Montgomery Coatings for \$112,640.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

The chairman announced a special called meeting to receive information concerning rural board band on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioners' conference room. The committee chairpersons announced their upcoming committee meetings.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to adjourn. 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.

  
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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk