

Minutes
Council Conference Room at City Hall
144 E. Jackson Street
Thomasville, Georgia 31792,
March 21, 2018

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date, time and location for a Workshop with the Thomasville City Council with the following board members and councilmen present:

Thomas County

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6

Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1

Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (absent)

Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5

Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7(absent)

Moses Gross, Dist. 2

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

City of Thomasville

Greg Hobbs, Mayor

Jay Flowers, Councilman

Todd Mobley, Councilman

Terry Scott, Mayor Pro Tem

David Hufstetler, Councilman

This meeting was called for the City and County officials discuss the South Pinetree Boulevard Project and the Service Delivery Strategy.

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Clerk Twink Monahan, Interim City Manager Kha McDonald, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development/Communications and Assistant Utilities Superintendent Chris White Information Services Director Derrick Ogletree. Media present were Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, Patti Dozier, Thomasville Times Enterprise, Ashlyn Becton WALB and Noelani Mathews, WCTV.

Sheriff Carlton Powell was also present and Donnie Baggett, Commissioner Elect, District 5.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting and Chairman Grady gave the invocation.

South Pinetree Boulevard

History and design of the road were discussed. Currently no curb and gutter, no drainage system installed and no sidewalks. Currently 5600 to 6,600 cars per day travel the road today and the study shows in the future the traffic will increase to 6,850 to 8,000. The current speed limit is 35 miles per hour. The county's proposed design was 3 lanes with a center turning lane, curb and gutter and a 10' walking trail. City engineers and consultants are concerned the speeds will increase, the impact on the relocation of utilities and costly right of way acquisitions. The city's engineers and consultants are proposing 2-11' lanes and a 4' paved shoulder and a 10' multi use sidewalk. Addressing emergency vehicles – if both lanes of traffic pull to the side of the road there will be enough room to pass in the center of the road. There would be turn lanes at the intersections of Southwestern State Hospital, West Jackson Street and Martin Luther King Drive. Both designs included a roundabout at Magnolia Street.

Chairman Grady asked if the change in the design that was presented to the Department of Transportation (DOT) would have an effect on their funding, \$3 million. City personnel stated that the DOT is good with it and asked to be kept informed.

There was also discussion concerning the future costs if the road needed to be widened. Council Jay Flowers expressed his concerns of changing the character of the road. Councilman David Huffstetler stated he supported the original design that was

Mayor Hobbs closed the workshop.



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk