

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
May 22, 2018

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.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, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Donna Holbert, Zoning Administrator, and Derrick Ogletree, Information Systems.

Chairman Grady gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/8/2018, 8/9/2017/and 7/13/2017 meetings. 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 Nancy Tillinghast, Library Director. Ms. Tillinghast told the board the Library Board has chosen Mr. Trent Reynolds as the new Director for the library. Ms. Tillinghast is retiring June 1, 2018. Mr. Reynolds addressed the board stating that he is looking forward to serving at the library.

Chairman Grady presented Nancy B. Tillinghast with a proclamation recognizing and honoring her for twenty-seven years dedicated service to the People of Thomas County.

Chairman Grady declared a public hearing to hear two (2) zoning applications.

Application #18-5-1 – Kathy Wilson, applicant and mother of property owner Devin Barthel, is requesting a medical hardship variance for property located at 15926 Ga. Hwy. 188 (Map 31A, Parcel 5) to allow for the placement of a travel trailer on the property.

Zoning Administer Donna Holbert explained the application to the board. The applicant, Kathy Wilson, is requesting a medical hardship and being disabled due to her sight. Staff recommended approval of the request, meeting all the standards, provided the applicant installed the septic system required by Environmental Health and the PLUS Commission approved the application. She explained all hardship variances are reviewed using the application process annually.

Chairman Grady called for citizen comments in favor or opposition of the application.

The applicant, Kathy Wilson, told the board of her vision disability and asked for a favorable vote.

There was no one in opposition.

Application #18-5-2 – Garrett Taylor, agent for property owner, Sunshine Properties of Thomasville, LLC, is requesting to rezone property located on Pinetree Boulevard and Old Boston Road (Map 46H, Parcels 106, 107, and 108) from RM-11 (Residential, Multi-Family) to CG C.U. (Commercial General, Conditional Use) to allow for mini storage warehousing.

Zoning Administer Donna Holbert explained the application to the board Garrett Taylor the agent for Sunshine Properties of Thomasville, LLC requests the property on Pinetree Blvd be rezoned from RM-11 to GC C.U. Ms. Holbert said the application does not meet 7 of the 11 criteria. Staff does not recommend approval of the application. The request does not meet the guidelines of the Future Land Use Plan or the Comprehensive Plan. The PLUS Commission is approved of the application; 3 aye, 1 nay and 1 abstaining.

Chairman Grady called for citizen comments in favor of the application. Garrett Taylor said last year in April the property was changed from Commercial to RM11 for an apartment complex. He is requesting that the property change to Commercial Conditional Use for mini-warehouses. Chairman Grady called for citizen comments opposed to the application. There were none.

Chairman Grady closed the public hearing.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve Application 18-5-1, Kathy Wilson, applicant and mother of property owner Devin Barthel, is requesting a medical hardship variance for property located at 15926 Ga. Hwy. 188 (Map 31A, Parcel 5) to allow for the placement of a travel trailer on the property with the stipulations of installation of a septic system as specified by the Thomas County Environmental Health. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve Application #18-5-2, Garrett Taylor, agent for property owner, Sunshine Properties of Thomasville, LLC, requesting to rezone property located on Pinetree Boulevard and Old Boston Road (Map 46H, Parcels 106, 107, and 108) from RM-11 (Residential, Multi-Family) to CG C.U. (Commercial General, Conditional Use) to allow for mini storage warehousing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

Discussion:

Commissioner NeSmith asked Ms. Holbert to explain the seven (7) criteria not met. Mrs. Holbert explained it is not compatible with the comprehensible plan, future land use because it is on an estate residential boundary. Chairman Grady asked about the appearance of the units. Ms. Holbert stated there will be setbacks, landscaping and parking requirements if approved. Commissioner Hickey asked the zoning of the surrounding properties; Commercial.

Chairman Grady called for the vote.

Motion carried by a seven (7) to one (1) vote; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, Ansley, and Vonier voting for the motion and Commissioner NeSmith voting in opposition.

County Manager Michael Stephenson told the board about the problems associated with not going with staff recommendations in the future.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to fund an additional four (4) resource officers, \$211,082, for the county schools with the total to be reimbursed by the Thomas County School Board. 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.

2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT 18-5-1  
GENERAL FUND (100) May 22, 2018

Account	Description	Original 2018 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>				
100-34-9905	School Board Resource Off.	126,146	337,228	211,082
	<b>Total</b>			<b>211,082</b>
Net Increase to Revenues				<u>\$211,082</u>
Account	Description	Original 2018 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Expenses</b>				
100-3300-51-1100	Sheriff-Salaries	2,026,524	2,158,932	132,408
100-3300-51-2100	Sheriff-Group Insurance	470,000	510,000	40,000
100-3300-51-2200	Sheriff-FICA	154,350	164,478	10,128
100-9010-61-2005	Rainy Day Account	851,572	880,118	28,546
	<b>Total</b>			<b>211,082</b>
Net Increase to Expenses				<u>\$211,082</u>

County Clerk Twink Monahan showed the new website to the board and some of the new features.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to enter into closed session. 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 Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to return of open session reporting 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 Commissioner Gross 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:

  
M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk