

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 8, 2019

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
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce County Attorney Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese. Media present was Patti Dozier with the Times Enterprise.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 board minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, and Hickey voting aye.

Chairman Grady asked for Jeremy G. Rich to step forward to be seated as District 1 Commissioner. Outgoing Commissioner Merrill Baker presented Commissioner Rich with the county lapel pin, thanked him for his willingness to serve, and wished him well. Chairman Grady thanked Commissioner Baker for all his years of service.

Chairman Grady asked for Donnie L. Baggett to step forward to be seated as District 5 Commissioner. Outgoing Commissioner Hershel Ansley presented Commissioner Baggett with the county lapel pin, thanked him for his willingness to serve, and wished him well. Chairman Grady thanked Commissioner Ansley for all his years of service.

Chairman Grady turned the meeting over to Bruce Warren, County Attorney, to serve as temporary Chairman for the purpose of electing the Board Chairman. Bruce Warren opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Bruce Warren recognized Commissioner NeSmith who nominated Commissioner Grady for Chairman of the 2019 Board. Mr. Warren asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Hickey made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Mr. Warren confirmed Commissioner Grady's appointment as Chairman for 2019 by acclamation.

Mr. Warren turned the meeting over to Chairman Grady.

Chairman Grady opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Gross nominated Commissioner Brown for Vice-Chairman of the 2019 Board. Chairman Grady asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Hickey made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Chairman Grady confirmed Commissioner Brown's reappointment as Vice-Chairman for 2019 by acclamation.

Chairman Grady thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

<u>Total Number of Certified Employees by Shift</u>	<u>Firefighter</u>	<u>EMT/Paramedic</u>
	12	14

All Cross-Trained Staff
Cost per shift @ minimum staffing

Ochlocknee		Coolidge		Northside	
1 PFF	40,000	1 PFF	40,000	1 PFF	40,000
2 FEMT	<u>70,000</u>	2 FEMT	<u>70,000</u>	2 FEMT	<u>70,000</u>
	110,000		110,000		110,000

Downtown		Remington		Boston	
1PM	40,000	1 PFF	40,000	1 PFF	40,000
1 EMT	<u>35,000</u>	2 FEMT	<u>70,000</u>	2 FEMT	<u>70,000</u>
	75,000		110,000		110,000

<u>Total Number of Certified Employees by Shift</u>	<u>Firefighter</u>	<u>EMT/Paramedic</u>
	18	20

Personnel Cost Summary

	<u>NCT v. ACT</u>			
	<u>NCT</u>	<u>ACT</u>		
	<u>\$</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>#</u>
Ochlocknee	135,000	(4)	110,000	(3)
Coolidge	135,000	(4)	110,000	(3)
Northside	135,000	(4)	110,000	(3)
Downtown	75,000	(2)	75,000	(2)
Remington	135,000	(4)	110,000	(3)
Southside	135,000	(4)	110,000	(3)
Boston	<u>135,000</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>(3)</u>
	885,000	(26)	735,000	(20)
	<u>x 3 shifts</u>	(78)	<u>x 3 shifts</u>	(60)
salaries	2,655,000		2,205,000	
social security	203,107		168,682	
<u>health benefits</u>	<u>780,000</u>		<u>600,000</u>	
total pers. Costs	\$3,638,107		\$2,973,682	

Personnel Cost Difference \$664,425

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the following fund transfers for 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Fund Transfers

Amount:	From:	To:
\$500,000	General Fund (Unincorp. Serv. Committed Reserve)	Unincorporated Services Fund
\$750,000	General Fund	Capital Improvements Fund
\$100,000	Hotel/Motel Fund	Recreation Fund

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to make the annual appoints to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission; Al Bryan to the Non-Public Position, J. Elaine Mays to the Additional Position, and Commissioner Donnie L. Baggett to the Public Position. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady asked if there were any citizens present wanting to address the board not listed on the agenda. There were none.

Chairman Grady made the appointment to the committees and other boards for 2019.

Emergency Services	Chairman Mark NeSmith, Moses Gross, Ken Hickey
Finance	Chairman Jeremy Rich, Philip Brown, Moses Gross
Personnel	Chairman Phillip Brown, Donnie Baggett, Moses Gross
Public Property	Chairman Ken Hickey, Jeremy Rich, Zippy Vonier
Purchasing	Chairman Zippy Vonier, Jeremy Rich, Mark NeSmith
Road	Chairman Mark NeSmith, Ken Hickey, Donnie Baggett
Solid Waste	Chairman Donnie Baggett, Phillip Brown, Zippy Vonier
Drug Squad	Donnie Baggett, Wiley Grady
Chamber of Commerce	Wiley Grady
Board of Health	Zippy Vonier
Payroll Dev. Authority	Mark NeSmith
Airport Authority	Mark NeSmith
SW GA Regional Commission	Donnie Baggett
Library Board	Wiley Grady
Destination Thomasville	Wiley Grady
Southwest Georgia Workforce Bd	Wiley Grady
911 User Board	Wiley Grady, Ken Hickey
Land Bank	Zippy Vonier, Moses Gross
Landfill	Wiley Grady, Donnie Baggett

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the 12/12 purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$1.8844 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady asked Commissioner NeSmith to go in his place to the Land Fill Committee on January 10, at 11:00 a.m.

Resolution to amend Section 86-140 of the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance

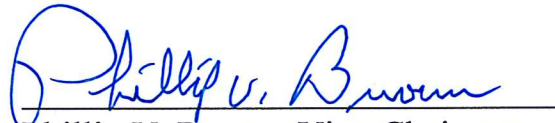
Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia that section 86-140 of the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Ordinance be hereby amended by substituting the section hereinafter:

Section 86-140 Allocation of the Tax. The funds collected pursuant to the tax shall be allocated as follows:

1. 37.5% (3 cents) retained by Thomas County for general purposes.
2. 18.75% (1.5 cents) retained by Thomas County for tourist product development.
3. 43.75% (3.5 cents) to Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority for promotion of tourism and conventions, provided the Authority is an Internal Revenue Service 501-C-3 agency.
4. Any Thomas County ordinance or any section of the Thomas County Code of Ordinances in direct conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.


This amendment is effective upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners and allocation shall be applied retroactively to all Hotel/Motel excise tax funds collected since 1 July 2016.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of January, 2019.

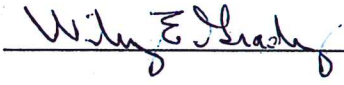


Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chairman
Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk

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



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk