

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
April 9, 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**

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1

Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3

Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

**Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7**

Moses Gross, Dist. 2

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

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, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Information Systems Director Derrick Ogletree, and Sheriff's Deputy Steve Jones.

Commissioner Jeremy Rich gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, Gross, Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Commissioner Ken Hickey introduced Robert D. Vice, Market President of Amerts Bank. Mr. Vice has been in banking for 45 years and is moving to Thomasville. He said he welcomes the move to this area.

County Manager Michael Stephenson advised the board of the 2019 Spring Ramble, April 12-13, 2019. The Georgia Trust has chosen Thomasville this year's Ramble. There are about 500 participants from Georgia and different states. The Ramble lets people who have joined to 'ramble' through historically significant homes and buildings. The courthouse has been chosen for this purpose. There will be staff and volunteers here on Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist the participants. Friday is also 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and all offices are open for normal business.

Mr. Stephenson told the board HB276/SB128 failed to pass this year that would have significantly enhanced sales tax collections. The senate wanted to take out rideshare companies such as Uber and Lyft without offering a per-ride fee, thus no version of the bills passed.

Mr. Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of chemicals for the right of way spraying program from Coastal Plains Co-op for \$37,657.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously; Ayes: Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Hickey, Gross, Rich, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Commissioner NeSmith announced a change for April's Emergency Services Committee from 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> to 8:30. Commissioner Baggett announced the new Fleet Services Committee will be meeting in the morning at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room.

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

  
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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk