

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
November 9, 2021

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:

**Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7**  
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)  
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (absent)  
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

**Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6**  
Moses Gross, Dist. 2  
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4  
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

News/Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX radio

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Baggett gave the invocation.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Ken Gay who presented a preliminary plat for Red Tip Acres, a manufactured home park on Hwy 122. Ken stated that after reviewing the plans and preliminary plat, he recommends approval from the Board.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Red Tip Acres on Hwy 122. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who presented the 2021 Budget Amendment 21-11-1. This amendment is for the ARPA Federal Grant money that was distributed in June 2021 and used primarily for Premium Pay.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget Amendment 21-11-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

**2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT 21-11-1**

**ARPA-2021 FUNDS (231)**

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Account	Description	Original 2021 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>				
231-33-2100	ARPA-Federal Grant	0	4,317,043	4,317,043
	<b>Total</b>			<b>4,317,043</b>
<b>Net Increase to Revenues</b>				<b>\$4,317,043</b>
Account	Description	Original 2021 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Expenses</b>				
231-9015-51-1100	Salaries-Premium Pay	0	3,400,000	3,400,000
231-9015-51-2200	FICA	0	260,100	260,100
231-9015-51-2400	Retirement	0	102,000	102,000
231-9015-51-2700	Workers Compensation	0	94,520	94,520
231-9020-61-2005	Reserve	0	460,423	460,423
	<b>Total</b>			<b>4,317,043</b>
<b>Net Increase to Expenses</b>				<b>\$4,317,043</b>

Chairman Brown recognized Sandhya N. Patel, Neelkanth, LLC, applicant, who requested a Package Beer & Wine License for Quick Express located at 21967 US Hwy 19 North, Thomasville, Georgia 31792. According to Finance Director Laura Nichols, the business has passed all requirements to obtain a Package Beer & /Wine License according to Thomas County's ordinance.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Package Beer & Wine License requested by Sandhya N. Patel, Neelkanth, LLC for Quick Express located at 21967 US Hwy 19 North, Thomasville, Georgia 31792. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to declare scrap from the demolition of the Old Shop, a chain-link fence, and Unit #20 a 1982 International Roll back truck (VIN 2HTAF1956CCA12499) as surplus and authorize the sell of these items on GovDeals/online auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

**Open Meeting to Citizens** – Chairman Brown recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg and Butter Rd. South, Thomasville, GA who requested consideration for a joint resolution between the City of Thomasville and Thomas County that would show commitment to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. Chairman Brown recognized Lucinda Brown of 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, GA who inquired about the rescheduling of two Community Meetings that were postponed due to an uptick in COVID-19 numbers in September. Chairman Brown stated that the meetings would be rescheduled at the beginning of next year.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who informed the Board of the upcoming Veteran's Day Ceremony to be held on November 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse Plaza. He is encouraging all county employees to participate.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who presented the Purchasing Report in Commissioner Vonier's absence.



Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.6147/gal on November 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to accept \$30,011.33 as the vehicle settlement on the wrecked Ford Interceptor from the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to ratify the authorization to purchase 2 new Ford Interceptors from Wayne Ford. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to ratify the authorization to purchase a six-month supply of Metal Drainage Pipe from Gulf Atlantic Culvert. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

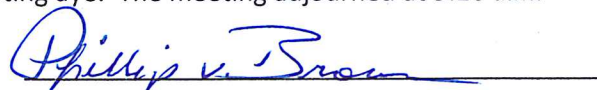
Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith to give the Emergency Services report. Commissioner NeSmith reflected on the previous discussion held regarding in-house training for EMS. A handout from the Department of Public Health depicting the required minimum equipment list for EMS Education Programs was distributed and discussed. The quote from Boundtree for the equipment is \$54,734.15, and the lead time for delivery is 4 to 6 weeks.

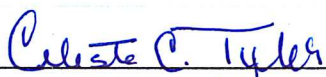
Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to approve the purchase of the EMS program equipment list as presented for \$54,734.15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who asked the County Attorney our next steps in moving forward with the proposed purchase of the Five Forks Rd. property owned by Adam Roland and the possible site for a future Volunteer Fire Station. County Attorney Warren stated that he would provide a real estate purchase agreement for \$5,000.00 if approved by the Board. The property would also have to be surveyed.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to survey and purchase the acreage from Adam Roland for \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

  
Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk