

Thomas County Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Baughn called the regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commission to order a 9:02 a.m. on December 10, 2018 at the Thomas County Courthouse with Commissioner Byron Sowers and Francis Britton, Linda Sowers, County Clerk Shelly Harms, Don Morton, Kevin Gill, Jim Harms, Brad Flipse, Tom Johnson, Clair Schrock, Tom Nickols, Rachel Lamm, Will Arthur, Megan Niblock, Dustin Kauffman, and Kaylie Kraft.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Monday, December 10 agenda as amended: approve Resolution 2018 – 17 Establishing Scheduled Meetings of the Thomas County Commissioners for 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:04 a.m. for twenty (20) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 9:24 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and Kaylie Kraft; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:24 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:26 a.m. for fifteen (15) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 9:41 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and Dustin Kauffman; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:41 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

WHITE SANDPIT: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Thomas County Highway Department (Buyer) and Larry White (Seller) where the seller agrees to sell to buyer pit run gravel and sand or screened and hauled out sand-gravel, and dirt at the unit price of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per cubic yard and buyer will pay ten dollars (\$10) per ton for oversized rock hauled away, etal; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

NORTH RANDALL TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENT: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to appoint George Schippers as North Randall Township Clerk, replacing Travis Elias who has moved out of Thomas County; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried as follows Chairman Baughn and Commissioner Britton voting AYE and Commissioner Sowers voting NAY.*

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to re-appoint Paul Bailey to the Planning Commission for a term of three (3) years; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLOMON FORKS WIND PROJECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the 'ACKNOWLEDGEMENT' that Thomas County has received certain documents identifying the proposed Project Transportation Routes (the "Routes Documents") to be used for the Solomon Forks Wind Project, as required by the Road Maintenance and Repair Agreement (RMRA) entered into on June 29, 2018 between Solomon Forks and the County; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COLBY GLASS PROPOSAL: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to accept the proposal by Colby Glass Co. to provide and install one (1) aluminum color standard duty closer on the west entrance wooden door at a cost of \$510 from Building Maintenance Fund 170; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE UPDATE: *Jerol DeBoer with Penco Engineering appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the future KDOT project on Country Club Drive and the Counties responsibility. Concrete would cost approximately \$2.3M with a twenty (20) year life and asphalt would cost approximately \$2.1M with a seven (7) year life. KDOT will fund up to \$2M with the county share of \$500-\$800 thousand. June 2021 is the current date for the project to be completed; but according to Mr. DeBoer the county could request to have the project moved up or back depending on the availability of the funds or the county can walk away from the project completely. Discussion of two or three lane all the way out to Willow or combination of both two and three lane is an option. Mr. DeBoer will visit with KDOT about the Commissioners questions and report back early next year.*

NOVEMBER 30 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Friday, November 30 Commission Minutes as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

AMEND AGENDA: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to amend the agenda to include two (2) additional executive sessions; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously.*

AP PAYMENT REGISTERS: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers: Thomas County Justice Center - \$10,416 and General Fund - \$32,329.27; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

KDHE – DWOP #18-1229: *The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Official Closure for Disposal of Demolition Waste Without a Permit (DWOP) Authorization #18-1229 located at 1494 K25 for Brice Barton. No action required.*

TAX ROLL CORRECTIONS: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following Tax Roll Corrections: 2018 Real Estate abatement to Brent Johnston for \$27.10, 2017 Real Estate abatement to Brent Johnston for \$187.24, 2016 Real Estate abatement to Brent Johnston for \$111.54, 2017 Real Estate added tax to Carmen Peters for \$190.82, 2016 Real Estate abatement to Carmen Peters for \$123.26, 2018 Real Estate added to Carmen Peters for \$27.12, 2018 Personal Property abatement to Kristy Eberle for \$392.16, 2018 Truck abatement to Kent Moss for \$80.46, 2018 Truck abatement to Kent Moss for \$24, 2018 Real Estate abatement to Connor Wilson for \$456.34, 2018 Real Estate added tax to Leland Wilson for \$456.34, 2018 Truck abatement Donald Cranston for \$24, 2018 Truck abatement to Donald Cranston for \$79.46, 2018 Personal Property abatement to Donald Cranston for \$73.14, 2018 Personal Property added tax to MJ & CA, LLC for \$144, 2018 Real Estate abatement to Meadow Lake, LLC for \$8.40, 2018 Personal Property abatement to Tyler Jones for \$127.32, 2018 Real Estate abatement to John Kriss for \$19.76, 2018 Real Estate abatement to KDWP for \$192.84, 2018 Real Estate abatement to Celebration Community Church of Hays, KS for \$9,763.36, and 2018 Personal Property abatement to SAD Enterprises, LLC for \$205.42; the motion was seconded by Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

LINE ITEM TRANSFER: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to authorize the line item transfer request from the Courts: \$680 transferred from Fund 130-000-39140 to Fund 130-000-14526; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION 2018 -17 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2019: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve Resolution 2018-17 establishing the scheduled meetings of the Thomas County Commissioners for 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: With no action needed the Commissioners reviewed the Sales Tax update, KAC notice, Landfill report, Inventory memorandum and KLPG 2019 Winter meeting.

RECESS: Chairman Baughn recessed until 10:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 10:48 a.m. for fifteen (15) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 11:03 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and County Attorney Rachel Lamm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 11:06 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 11:06 a.m. for ten (10) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 11:16 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and County Attorney Rachel Lamm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 11:16 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 11:20 a.m. for ten (10) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, EMS Director Kevin Gill, Sheriff Tom Nickols, and County Attorney Rachel Lamm; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 11:30 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RESIGNATION OF EMS DIRECTOR GILL: EMS Director Kevin Gill rendered his resignation effective immediately with Thomas County. *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to accept Mr. Gill's resignation; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EMS DIRECTOR: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to appoint Don Morton as Interim EMS Director; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RECESS: Chairman Baughn asked for a five (5) minute recess to allow the County Clerk to perform and exit interview with Mr. Gill.

INTERIM EMS DIRECTOR MORTON: The Commissioners directed Mr. Morton to reach out to neighboring counties for assistance, a letter to the KSBEMS will be sent off by the County Clerk notifying them of the resignation of Mr. Gill and the appointment of Interim EMS Director, concentration effort of working on volunteers. No financial assistance by or through Thomas County to further an employee or future employees furthering education. Kaylie Kraft will be appointed as Interim Assistant Director by Interim EMS Director Don Morton.

RECESS: Chairman Baughn ordered a recess until 1:15 p.m. for lunch.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mike Baughn called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 1:15 p.m. for five (5) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 1:20 p.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, EMS employees Megan Niblock and Daniel Schroeder, and Sheriff Tom Nickols; ; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 1:20 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RESIGNATION OF EMS EMPLOYEES NIBLOCK AND SCHROEDER: Dan Schroeder submitted his oral resignation effective immediately and Megan Niblock changed her originally resignation from effective December 31 to immediately today. *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to accept both Schroeder and Niblock's resignation with an immediate effective date; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN: *With no further business Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to adjourn at 1:23 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk

Shelly A. Harms
Dated: December 17, 2018



Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Mike Baughn
Mike Baughn, Chairperson

Byron Sowers
Byron Sowers, Member

Francis Britton
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