

Thomas County Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Baughn called the regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commission to order a 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2018 at the Thomas County Courthouse with Commissioner Byron Sowers and Francis Britton, Linda Sowers, County Clerk Shelly Harms, David Becker, Jim Harms, Clair Schrock, Don Morton, Kaylie Kraft and Brent Mariman.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve the agenda as amended to include adding discussion of EMS Director for non-elected personnel executive session; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: Transportation Administrator Shelly Harms updated the Commissioners with the concern of losing KDOT funding if they (KDOT) felt we were refusing services to the general public in order to provide services to the schools. Suggestion of staggering the schools to possibly avoid any refusal to the general public was suggested as well as Transportation Administrator Harms sending a letter out to those school children that do ride notifying the parents that we are not a school bus service and the children will be treated in the same manner as all other general public customers. The Commissioners are not in favor of running a third bus between 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

CELL PHONES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to purchase three (3) I-phone XR's one for each County Commissioner with accessories through Nex-Tech Wireless at a cost of \$749 with a fifty (50) percent discount making the cost \$374.50 per month per phone; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton to include I.T. Director Brent Mariman work out the Service Agreement with Nex-Tech Wireless, LLC; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COUNTY WEBSITE: With no action required the Commissioners instructed I.T. Director Brent Mariman to put the new website: thomascountyks.gov/index.php into full operation effective immediately. I.T. Director Mariman will also contact Thomson Reuters that Thomas County will not be renewing their contract with them effective January 1, 2019.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to approve the Monday, December 17, 2018 Commission Minutes as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EMS FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL JOB DESCRIPTION: *Commissioner Byron Sowers moved to amend the current EMS Office Assistant/Secretary job description to the drafted copy provided by Interim EMS Director Don Morton; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EMS FULL-TIME SECRETARY: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to have Interim EMS Director Don Morton begin advertising to fill a full-time Office Assistant / Secretary position with a starting hourly wage of \$12 per hour; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

TAX ROLL CORRECTIONS: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following Tax Roll Corrections: 2016 Tax Year-Severed Mineral abatement to Myron A Rapp Revocable Living Trust for \$-61.46, 2017 Tax Year-Severed Mineral abatement to Myron A Rapp Revocable Living Trust for \$-62.30, 2018 Tax Year-Severed Minerals abatement to Myron A Rapp Revocable Living Trust for \$-60.24, 2018 Tax Year-Special Assessments abatement to Brent Johnston for \$-4,790, 2018 Tax Year-Special Assessment added to Carmen P. Peters for \$4,790, 2018 Tax Year-Personal Property abatement to Brandon Levi Standage for \$-922.22, 2018 Tax Year-Truck abatement to Bradley S and Marie L Skolout for \$-774.26, 2018 Tax Year Real Estate abatement to Danny D and Debra Ann Dible for \$-632.14 and 2018 Tax Year-Real Estate added to Louis W Dible Trust for \$632.14; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

DECEMBER COUNTY PAYROLL: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the \$361,725.77 December county payroll; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

2019 COUNTY ATTORNEY WAGES: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjust the following County Attorney wages for 2019 to reflect the original August 20, 2018 Commission Minutes: Alisha Janousek to \$17.50; Ravyn Van Vleet to \$13.50; and Stephen Young to \$4416.67 with no two (2) percent increases in 2019 for the three (3) above mentioned County Attorney employees; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

PARAMEDIC TRAINING EXPENSES: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to cover paramedic tuition cost for Paramedic Training beyond what the EIG (Education Incentive Grant) of \$5,000 does not cover and to follow the guidelines as written in the EIG; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the items as listed on the agenda; with no action needed.

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER – EMS DISCUSSION: Greg Unruh along with Jenny Niblock appeared before the County Commissioners requesting executive session; with no justification their request was denied. CMCI wants to stay connected with our EMS and assisting with critical needs is important to our community area. Transfers, support help (emergency room), relationship between CMCI and EMS has never been better. All entities need to look at what we can do to provide service to our communities today, tomorrow, and in the future. Thomas County needs to look at partnering (billing, personnel, facilities, training, vehicles, ground transfers, etc.). CMCI is in need of the building that the EMS Department rents from CMCI, with no verbal eviction timeline, commented both Mr. Unruh and Ms. Niblock. Chairman Baughn stated that funding is one of the counties major problems and have been looking into creative ways into relocating the EMS personnel and equipment. With no decision both CMCI and Thomas County want to continue working together and will continue this conversation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 10:18 a.m. for twenty (20) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected medical matters and to return to open session at 10:38 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and EMS Interim Director Don Morton and Kaylie Kraft, Assistant EMS Director; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *With no action taken Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 10:38 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EMS DIRECTOR POSITION: Chairman Mike Baughn will try to offer the position to an individual today with an offer of \$24.00 per hour.

ADJOURN: *With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk

Shelly A. Harms
Dated: December 31, 2018



Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Mike Baughn
Mike Baughn, Chairperson

Byron Sowers
Byron Sowers, Member

Francis Britton
Francis Britton, Member