MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN CALLED SESSION, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at the PREP Academy at Thomas County Central High School with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets.

DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Randy Young, Broadcasting teacher at Thomas County Central High School, provided the devotional and a blessing for the meal.

INTRODUCTIONS

State School Superintendent Dr. John Barge was in attendance for the purpose of conducting a round table discussion. Several teachers and administrators from the school system were present and introduced themselves. Dr. Barge provided an opportunity for those present to address questions or concerns to him. He discussed concerns about changes to the Common Core curriculum, the state testing program, and funding.

TOUR

Due to his limited time, Mrs. Beth Adams was asked to conduct Dr. Barge on a tour of the PREP Academy while the board moved to the conference room at the PREP Academy for an executive session to meet with legal counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ed Preston of Coleman Talley Law Firm in Valdosta was present to meet with the board regarding pending litigation. Mrs. Streets moved, with a second from Mr. Hickey, to go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans moved, with a second from Mrs. Streets, to end the executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Evans moved, with a second from Mrs. Streets, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary