

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
May 23, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Zippy Vonier, Chairman, Dist. 8	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Wiley Grady, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Vonier opened the meeting, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting
- Approved the May 23, 2023 agenda
- Declared Public Hearing –
 1. Rezoning application (23-5-1) was received from Thomas Akins, property owner, requesting to rezone property located on Ga. Hwy. 122 (Map 045, Parcels 062 and 062G) consisting of 49.39 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone the subject parcels from Agricultural to R-4 (Single Family Residential) for the development of a single-family residential subdivision consisting of approximately 125 lots. (The subject property is located on Hwy. 122 across from Madison Grove Subdivision.)
 2. Rezoning Application #23-5-2 from Mark L. Manley, Managing Member of 319 North, LLC, agent for the property owner, Margaret Ragin. The subject property is located on Twin Acres Drive (Map 045B, Parcel 016) consisting of 4.71 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone this property from R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use) to CG (Commercial General) to allow for the use as a Real Estate/Auction Business Office/Warehouse.
 3. Thomas County and the Cities of Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, and Ochlocknee will conduct a Public Hearing to update the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan. The current plan will expire on June 30, 2023
- Approved Rezoning application 23-5-1
- Approved Rezoning application 23-5-2
- Approved final draft of the Thomas County Joint 5 yr. Comprehensive Plan
- Approved preliminary plat for Bloomfield Lakes Subdivision, Phase I, Section I
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Vonier recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Road, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke on the need to involve citizens more and referenced the 5yr Comprehensive Plan
- Ratified amending the ARPA Budget
- Ratified 2023 Budget Amendment 23-5-1 – Capital Improvement Fund

- Ratified 2023 Budget Amendment 23-5-2 – reflecting the increase of Court Reporter pay effective July 1, 2023
- Ratified purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.6875/gal on May 22, 2023
- Ratified approval to declare the old self-contained boom mower as salvage surplus and authorized to sell it on GovDeals.gov online auction
- Announced the following: Public Property Committee meeting on June 5th at 4:00 p.m., the Personnel Committee meeting on May 24th at 4:00 p.m., and the Purchase Committee meeting on May 8th at 8:30 a.m.
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.