

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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- 20170110 Seated Newly Elected Zippy T. Vonier, Commission District 8
- 20170110 Elected Kenneth E. Hickey Chairman for 2017
- 20170110 Elected Philip V. Brown, Vice Chairman for 2017
- 20170110 Appointed W. Bruce Warren as County Attorney for 2017
- 20170110 Declared Public Hearing for 2014 CDBG 14p-y-136-5771 Close out/Project Completion, Avalon Est./Pine Run Subdivisions.
- 20170110 Appointed Nathan Wilson to his 2<sup>nd</sup> Full 3-year Term on the Board of Elections and Registration
- 20170110 Approved Budget Amendment 17-1-1
- 20170110 Appointed Donnie Baggett to the Southwest GA Regional Commission, Non-Public, J. Elaine Mays to the Additional Member and Ken Hickey for the County Representative.
- 20170110 Ratified Road Committee, 12/21/2016, action taken Hancock Center – Paving, Capital Asphalt \$81,305
- 20170110 Ratified Road Committee, 12/21/2016, action taken, Hancock Center – Curb and Gutter, Stuckey Const., \$49,344
- 20170110 Ratified Road Committee, 12/21/2016, action taken, – Collection Site Houses (2) – Mark Johnson Framing, \$28,400
- 20170110 Set Sunday 1/22/2017 for the Open House of the new 911-Center
- 20170124 Report on Severe Weather Damage 1/22/2017
- 20170124 Resolution to hire Southern Disaster Recovery LLC, the contracted debris company
- 20170124 Public Hearing – Solar Energy
- 20170124 Ratified 1/9/2017 award of 90 days pricing for limerock and surge rock-A Mining and Martin Marietta
- 20170124 Kimberly Sponaule, South Eden Plantation, Alcohol pouring inquiry
- 20170124 Approved to include North Pinetree Boulevard Project, \$141,000 to 2012 SPLOST funding project list
- 20170214 Ratified the Disaster Debris Monitoring Contract with Thompson Consulting Services
- 20170214 Approved EOY 2016 Budget Amendment 17-2-1
- 20170214 Approved 2016 Distribution of Drug Education Fund
- 20170214 Approved 2017 Public Defender Contract
- 20170214 Approved for IGA to deed and transfer ownership of the Barwick Voting Precinct/Courthouse to the City of Barwick
- 20170214 Approved for EMS to apply for Trauma Grant for Equipment for Ambulances
- 20170214 Ratified for 1/31/17 Diesel Purchase \$1.6970 and 02/10/2017 Gas Purchase \$1.7852 from Petroleum Products
- 20170214 Approved annual bids with Scruggs Co, H&H Paving, Reeves Construction for Asphalt
- 20170228 Approved Coroner Office for 2 additional Deputy Coroners, total 3
- 20170228 Approved purchase of a copier for Public Defenders Office, Rumbles \$7,250.88 TA-4002i
- 20170228 Closed Session – Property – No Action Taken
- 20170314 Ratified 2/23/2017 diesel purchase from Petroleum Products, \$1.794 per gallon
- 20170314 Approved Purchasing Committee Recommendations: 4 Dodge Chargers from Stallings Automotive - \$152,232.48; Emergency lights and equipment from West Chatham Warning Devices - \$57,212.48; 2 Dodge pickup trucks from Stallings Automotive - \$50,254; Lease motor grader with scarifier \$24,956 annually from Yancey; lease motor grader with Rome sloper from Flint Equipment \$25,921.72 annually; Accept cash trade-in for motor grader (10-106) \$103,000

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- from Yancey; midsize 2017 utility tractor from TNT Super Center \$42,767.50 (price includes the \$6,000 trade in of Unit 262)
- 20170314 Approved for county manager to solicit for bids to finance equipment-7 years; Boom mower \$148,000 from Reynolds Warren Equipment Co.; Compact excavator, mulch head, warranty from Yancey Brothers - \$130,000/\$31,000/\$1,740 Total \$133,740; Vac truck \$325,113 from Adams Equipment Co.
- 20170314 Approved annual pricing for ready mix Portland cement concrete from Argos USA and Scruggs Concrete and to purchase according to need and availability
- 20170314 Reported that Ambulance and truck work body being rebid
- 20170314 Reported a cost analysis is being done on the Emergency Services; Options-1) Contract EMS Service 2) Privatize billing services 3) combine fire and EMS.
- 20170314 Approved \$5,000 fee to contract with National Fire Services Office for #3.
- 20170328 Public Hearing - Application #17-2-1 – Brian Lameier, agent for property owner, requests a zoning change for property located on U.S. 319 North (21.5 acre, more or less, portion of Map 45, Parcel 22) from Ag (Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General) so as to allow for the use of commercial. Application #17-2-2 – Thomas County Board of Commissioners requests to amend the Thomas County Land Use Standards Ordinance Section 2.200 Definitions, Section 3.215 Accessory Uses and Structures, 3.260 Supplemental Regulations, and Section 3.270.5 Permitted Use Chart, Table 4.
- 20170328 Denied Rezoning Application #17-2-1
- 20170328 Tabled any action on Application #17-2-2 until April 11, 2017 Board Meeting
- 20170328 Ratified 3/13/2017 diesel purchase from Petroleum Products, \$1.5990 per gallon
- 20170328 Set 4/3/2017, Work Session, for Solar Energy Ordinance
- 20170403 Approved one railway crossing repair, Midway Church Road
- 20170403 Approved fixed minimum set back/all sides – 100'
- 20170403 Approved 500' setback from habitable structure or residential zoning district
- 20170403 Approved 8' maximum height
- 20170403 Approved solar fields in excess of 200 acres must be in a CG or IND zoning district
- 20170403 Approved bonding requirement or irrevocable letter of credit of 120% / decommissioning
- 20170411 Rodney Bennett / variance request-no action
- 20170411 Approved solar energy ordinance as presented
- 20170411 Sharon Edwards, Director of Community Outreach presentation
- 20170411 Recognized Thomas County Central High School Ambassadors
- 20170411 Awarded Type 1 Ambulance to Custom Truck and Body Works, \$145,928
- 20170411 Declared surplus tables and chairs to dispose of and various scrap metals to bid for sale
- 20170411 Ratified Gas purchase 4/6/2017 Plantation Petroleum, \$1.8703
- 20170425 Public Hearings: Humane Society, Impact Fees, Heard's Pond, Rezoning Application 17-4-1
- 20170425 Approved Thomas County Humane Society on a 12 month trial basis to locate a colony cat shelter outside the fence at Stewart Road @ Hwy 188 Solid Waste Collection site.
- 20170425 Resolution to transmit the draft 2017 CIE Update to Regional Commission
- 20170425 Approved to accept Heard's Pond Subdivision streets into the county's road system pending final inspection and approval from Public Works Director stating all conditions have been met.
- 20170425 Approved rezoning application 17-4-1, Sunshine Properties, for 31 Senior Citizen living apartments
- 20170425 Approved \$1,000 zoning application fee for Solar Facility Applications
- 20170425 Lifted moratorium on solar facilities effective 4/26/2017, (set to expire on May 10, 2017)

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- 20170425 Chairman Hickey recognized Jamie Parrott. Mr. Parrott is serving as the interim Fleet Manager.
- 20170425 Sheriff Powell invited the board members for the Annual Rose Day Inspection at the Jail/Justice Center, Friday Morning at 8:00 a.m.
- 20170425 Approved to proceed with the railroad crossing repairs, county attorney reviewed the railroad request and found no issues
- 20170425 County attorney reported on variances on easements instead of road frontages
- 20170425 Approved 90-day pricing for aggregate rock
- 20170425 Ratified diesel purchase 4/12/2017 Plantation Petroleum, \$1.738
- 20170509 Adopted 2017 CIE Update by resolution
- 20170509 SPLOST Distribution Options distributed
- 20170509 Sold the Patten Courthouse, \$100 bid with \$200 cleanup fee, Jeff Willis
- 20170509 Executed a bill of sale for Patten Courthouse
- 20170509 Awarded Transport Equipment body for A/C truck-\$5927.00
- 20170509 Awarded Scruggs Co. resurfacing contract, Singletary, Lawhorne, Pummy & N. Pinetree Rds, \$1,380,240
- 20170509 Awarded financing to Ameris Bank, 7 year 2.32% \$606,283 total, \$93,919.45 annual, \$103,000 Budget
- 20170509 Ratified diesel purchase 5/2/2017, Petroleum Products, \$1.6196/gal
- 20170509 Closed session-no action
- 20170613 Veterans of Foreign Wars recognition James Hart- EMS and Robert Brettel SO retired and Vietnam War Veteran
- 20170613 Terri Jenkins, Executive Direction of American Red Cross
- 20170613 Approved to execute documents for Metcalfe, 2 blocks with trees,, gutter, lights and benches, Joe Brown presentation
- 20170613 Heather Collins requested county to work on the pothole and drainage in Metcalfe, vegetation overgrowth behind the buildings. Referred to Public Works Director
- 20170613 Welcome to Ken Gay in his new position, Inspections and Planning / Zoning Director, 1<sup>st</sup> official day
- 20170613 Mr. Stephenson reviewed in depth the 3 times coming up on the Planning and Land Use agenda for 6/19/2017 and then to the board of June 27, 2017
- 20170613 Ratified purchase from Plantation Petroleum 5/26/2017, Gas \$1.77624, diesel \$1.6335
- 20170627 Shelley Zorn Development Authority
- 20170627 Approved resolution to adopt the Freeport, 3 sections at 100%
- 20170627 Public Hearing – Zoning Applications
- 20170627 Application #17-6-1 Dusty Engel, Conditional Use application approved with conditions; the tower approved to remain at current location until 12/15/2017, a security fence to be constructed as required, waived landscaping; at the new location all requirements will be met.
- 20170627 Application #17-6-2 Rodney Bennett, Kearby Farm, LLC, approved a variance from the 50' public road frontage requirement to get issued a building permit.
- 20170627 Application #17-6-3 Inman Solar/OilDri public hearing continued until July 27, 2017 meeting, and consider text changes to the Solar Energy Ordinance
- 20170627 Approved survey of the Chambers family lot that adjoins the Riverwood collection site.
- 20170627 Ratify the acceptance of Scruggs bid for resurfacing Metcalfe-Beachton, Hall, Airport, and Harts Mill Rds for \$1,397,662.31 and execute necessary contracts.
- 20170627 Ratified diesel purchase 6/27/2017, Petroleum Products, \$1.4457/gal
- 20170627 Closed session approved – reported no action to be taken

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- 20170711 Awarded Greens Backhoe, Inc. paving contract for Myrick Road, negotiated \$15,960
- 20170711 Approved contract extension for 1 year, renewable for 3 years, Taylor Benefit Resources, third party administrator for Thomas County Health Plan
- 20170711 Approved purchase of turnout gear from Municipal Equipment, County and Central Fire, \$65,344.
- 20170725 Julie Murphree, Keep Thomas County Beautiful, introduction and presentation
- 20170725 Approved Variance application #17-7-1 David Poss
- 20170725 Approved low bid for Metcalfe Street Scape Project David Taylor Construction, Inc. \$153,651.10
- 20170725 Set 2017 Tentative Tax Millage Rates
- 20170725 Ratified gas and diesel purchases, 7/18/2017, 7/24/2017
- 20170725 Approved 4 recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee, Emergency Medical Srvc.
- 20170725 Approved Personnel Committee recommendation to fund Firefighters Pension Fund for qualified/Certified firefighters.
- 20170808 Approved SPLOST Schedule for 11/7/2017 election date
- 20170808 Approved Budget Amendment 17-8-1
- 20170808 Approved purchase, Breathing Air Systems for mobile Air Trailer \$59,986.81
- 20170808 Set 2017 Budget for \$150,000, New location, Joiner Road, for Ga DOT maintenance shop
- 20170808 Ratified purchase – Humane Society 2018 Pickup Truck, Stallings Motors \$21,498, replacing unit 703 (2005)
- 20170822 Approved Zoning Application 17-8-1, Conditional Use, Solar Facility
- 20170822 Approved Emergency Billing, LLC contract for ambulance billings
- 20170822 Approved EMS Fee Schedule as recommended by Emergency Billing, LLC
- 20170822 Approved the points of agreement with the City of Thomasville for the South Pinetree Blvd Project and the DOT Funding of \$3 million
- 20170822 Authorized the Chairman to sign the letter to the City of Thomasville
- 20170822 Ratified diesel fuel purchase 8/16/2017 from Petroleum Products \$1.6890 per gallon
- 20170822 Approved tax resolution to set all 2017 county millage rates including county school with a due date of 11/15/2017.
- 20170822 Citizens Comments – Thomas County NAACP
- 20170926 Commissioner Grady absent
- 20170926 Approved the 2017 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement
- 20170926 Approved Budget Amendment 17-9-2, EMS Director Position
- 20170926 Declared Prison items surplus and county vehicles and equipment
- 20170926 Tommy Patel ask for the board to consider a referendum for Sunday alcohol sales to go to the voters
- 20170926 Lee Cook, Summerhill Road, asked for help with litter
- 20170926 Ronnie Herring, Ochlocknee, appreciation for Sheriff Powell, the board and previous boards
- 20170926 Recognized TCCHS Student Ambassadors, Sierra Stephens, Tory Stringer, Hailey Ferrell, Jharre Bush, Sonny Patel
- 20170926 Recognized Greg Hobbs, Mayor City of Thomasville and David Hufstetler, candidate for City of Thomasville council
- 20170926 Added Shady Lane to the county paving list
- 20170926 Approved Budget Amendment 17-1-3 to purchase a frontend loader and excavator
- 20170926 Ratified diesel and gas purchased on 8/28/2017 and 9/22/2017
- 20170926 Closed Session, Legal, No action taken
- 20171010 Ambulance – Custom Truck & Body Works – \$127,873.00
- 20171010 Cardiac / Defibrillator Monitors – Physio-Control - \$352,470.60

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- 20171010 Track Excavator – Yancey Brothers - \$111,000.00, Trade In: Unit#08-22 2008 CAT 320DL Excavator - \$55,000.00
- 20171010 Wheel Loader – Flint Equipment - \$115,060.00, Trade In: Unit#540 1997 CAT 938F Wheel Loader - \$12,500.00
- 20171010 Awarded 90 day per ton price for aggregate rock to A Mining
- 20171024 Motion failed to place Sunday Sales of Beer and Wine on the ballot at the next election
- 20171024 Amended the rolling stock auction list, noting 546 was previously scrapped
- 20171024 Ratified 10/138/2017 purchase from Petroleum Products; Gas \$1.8212, diesel \$1.9150
- 20171024 Approved the Road Committee’s recommendation to contract with Jim Boyd Construction for the 2016 CDBG Project, Fox Croft, \$742,378.90 (\$500,000 Grant funds and \$242,378.90 SPLOST Funds)
- 20171113 Budget Hearings: Add \$27,626 to District Attorney’s Budget for overall expenses and salaries over the Manager’s Recommendation
- 20171113 Budget Hearings: Approve \$35,000 for a grant writer (\$20,000) and used vehicle (\$15,000) to be paid from the Library Reserve Funds in 2017. No increase in 2018 Budget
- 20171113 Budget Hearings: Add \$175,932 for 4 trucks to the Sheriff’s Office over the Manager’s Recommendation
- 20171113 Budget Hearings: Add \$96,000 for 42 laptops, installed, to the Sheriff’s Office over the Manager’s Recommendation
- 20171113 Budget Hearings: Add \$9,199 for salary adjustments to the Sheriff’s Office over the Manager’s Recommendation
- 20171114 Approved final rolling stock auction list; removed the Haulmark trailer.
- 20171114 Approved Change orders; #1- infrastructure for lighting, #3 unforeseen expense discovered a covered drain
- 20171114 Approved Beer and Wine License for Manish Patel, 26099 US Hwy 19, Wisk Capital Investments, LLC dba Susie Q’s 5
- 20171114 Approval of Resolution – ACCG/IRMA
- 20171114 Approval of Transit application and contract
- 20171114 Ratified diesel purchased on 11/8/2017, \$1.999 Petroleum Products
- 20171114 Approved the Public Property recommendation to set 12/2/2017 for the county auction
- 20171114 Approved the Public Property recommendation to contract with Midway Machinery as Auctioneer
- 20171114 Approved chiller and controls repair at Judicial Center for \$113,813
- 20171114 Presented Commissioner Zippy Vonier, 8<sup>th</sup> District, with Certificate from ACCG and UGA for the completion of the Certified County Commissioner required courses.
- 20171128 Introduction Andrea Colling, Executive Director of Thomasville/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
- 20171128 Public Hearing- Application 17-11-1, Scruggs Company – Surface mining
- 20171128 Postponed until 1/23/2018-surrounding property owners and The Scruggs Co to work out an compromise.
- 20171128 Declared obsolete tires surplus to be sold at the 12/2/2017 auction
- 20171128 Approved adding wine to the beer license for UMROA KHURD Corp, Zahid Hussain, dba Speedway Food Mart
- 20171128 Approved 2017/2018 Department of Human Recourses Transit Contract.
- 20171128 Approved the 2018 Public Defender’s Contract
- 20171128 Approved the 2018 County Holidays and Meeting Dates

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- 20171212 Presentation – Chandler Giddes, Animal Control. Annual report, resignation
- 20171212 Approved change order #2, 4 street lights in the Metcalfe Streetscape project, David Taylor Construction, \$30,181
- 20171212 Approved to pay the utility billing for the 4 street lights in Metcalfe
- 20171212 Approved the 2018 Budget Resolution for all funds
- 20171212 Approved 2012 SPLOST budget amendment
- 20171212 Appointed Britt Wetherington to first full term, Elaine Mays to first term and Danny Braddy to first term on the Planning and Zoning Commission – PLUS – all 4 year terms exp 12/31/2021
- 20171212 Reappointed Scott Rich to the Board of Assessors, 3 year term exp 12/31/2020
- 20171212 Appointed Linda Solana, first term, to the board of elections and registration, exp 12/31/2020
- 20171212 Reappointed Elaine Mays and Donnie Baggett to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (annual appointment)
- 20171212 Reappointed Dr. Jim Story to the Recreation advisory board
- 20171212 Mr. Warren – S Pinetree Blvd documents will be ready for the January meeting
- 20171212 Ratified fuel purchase from Petroleum Products on 12/4/2017 for \$1.9740
- 20171212 Approved the asphalt, tool bid, and concrete pipe bids from 12/5/2017 Purchasing meeting
- 20171212 Awarded the contract to raze the prison buildings to Great Southern Demolition for \$120,000
- 20171212 Set 1/17/2018 for the City County Workshop