

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 22, 2019

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7

Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4 (absent)
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, and County Clerks Twink Monahan/Celeste Tyler.

Others present were Gerald Pionessa, Jr. and News/Media Patti Dozier Thomasville Times Enterprise.

Chairman Grady opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, Hickey, Rich, Baggett, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady declared a Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. in regards to Zoning Application 19-9-1, Gerald Pionessa, Jr., agent for property owner, Mount Sinai Apostolic Church, Inc.

Chairman Grady recognized Donna Holbert, Zoning Administrator, who briefed the Commissioners on the property located on Cassidy Road (Map 55, Parcel 59 and a 2.3 acre, more or less, portion of Parcel 60 for a total of 23 acres more or less. The request is for a land use reclassification from Ag (Agricultural) to R-2 (Single Family Residential). The reclassification will allow for the construction of six single family homes. The application was unanimously approved by the PLUS Commission on October 14, 2019, and recommended for approval by the Thomas County Planning Staff.

Chairman Grady recognized Gerald Pionessa, Jr., an agent for property owner, Mount Sinai Apostolic Church, 2015 County Line Rd, Inc. Mr. Pionessa stated the homes will have city water and individual septic tanks in response to Commissioner Hickey's question regarding water and sewer.

There were no other citizens speaking in favor or in opposition to the application. Chairman Grady closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve application 19-9-1, Mount Sinai Apostolic Church, Inc., Ag (Agricultural) to R-2 (Single Family Residential). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, Hickey, Rich, Baggett, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman recognized County Manager Michael Stephenson who went over portions of the 3.271.2 "Suburban Residential" ordinance and the Land Use Plan Chart. He pointed out the need to review the

permitted and conditional uses which serve as the policy documentation for the Board. He recommends reviewing the Land Use Standards Ordinances and Regulations and set a tentative date for a work session on January 9, 2020.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the Fuel bids on October 9, 2019 from Petroleum Products – Gas \$1.8496 and Diesel \$2.0026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, Hickey, Baggett, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.


Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the 8" water main extension to serve county buildings on Joiner Rd. for \$33,218.40 by the City of Thomasville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Hickey, Baggett, Gross, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady reminded everyone of the Legislative Luncheon on October 28, 2019, the Citizens' Academy on November 7, 2019 and the Citizens' Academy Graduation at the Plaza Restaurant on November 14, 2019. He also noted the invitation to attend the Farmer Appreciation Luncheon on November 7, 2019 by Thomas County Farm Bureau.

Commissioner Baggett reported that the Landfill Meeting was held on October 17, 2019, and the audit will be ready in two weeks. He also reminded everyone that Boston's Mini Marathon will be this weekend, and any Commissioner wishing to be in the parade should contact him.

Upcoming meetings that were highlighted are the Personnel Committee on 10/30/2019, Purchasing Committee on 11/5/2019, Public Property Committee on 11/7/2019 and the Public Hearing 2020 Budget Workshop on 11/18/2019.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Gross, Hickey, Baggett, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk