

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
May 11, 2021

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (absent)
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Facilities and Maintenance Assistant Director Johnnie Clark, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: none

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Baggett gave the invocation.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Bryan McKenzie (applicant), dba Fratelli's Pizza at 60 Constitution Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, who requested a License for Retail Sale of Beer/Wine for Consumption on the Premises. According to Finance Director Laura Nichols, the business has passed all requirements to obtain the requested license according to Thomas County's ordinance.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the application for a License for Retail Sale of Beer/Wine for Consumption on the Premises, to Bryan McKenzie dba Fratelli's Pizza at 60 Constitution Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Stephenson recognized Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert who introduced Application 21-5-1, applicants Shane and Patricia Booker, who are requesting to rezone their property located at 626 Shady Lane (Map 046, Parcel 032A) consisting of 2.03 acres, more or less, from Ag (Agricultural) to R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use) This would allow this parcel to be divided into two parcels. The Planning Staff recommends approval of this application.

Committee Reports

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to ratify the repeal of the Thomas County Harassment Prevention Policy of March 12, 2002 and adopt the Amendment of May 2021 Thomas County Personnel Polices. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was

approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

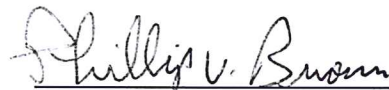
Commissioner Grady made a motion to ratify the approval to switch re-insurance carriers from National Health Insurance Company to Western Skies as recommended by Taylor Benefit Resource. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to declare the Ellaville and Merrillville polling buildings as surplus and proceed with the sale of the buildings on GovDeals online auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved 5-1-0 with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and NeSmith voting aye, and Commissioner Vonier voting nay. Commissioner Vonier clarified that he was only opposed to the buildings being sold online.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the six-month bid approval for hydroseeding materials from Delta Landscape. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced. The Emergency Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on May 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Public Works Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on May 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.



Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk