

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
March 28, 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

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3
Wiley Grady, District 6

Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5

Moses Gross, District 2
Mark NeSmith, District 4
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Jill Holloway Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Vonier called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

Chairman Vonier declared a Public Hearing and recognized Zoning Administrator, Donna Holbert who introduced application 23-3-1. Anna Carroll, managing member of Southeast Creative, LLC, property owner, has applied for the rezoning of property located on Heatherway Lane (Map 047, 016J) consisting of 4.33 acres, more or less, from Ag (Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) to allow for the construction of a single-family residential dwelling. The proposed dwelling will accommodate the owner's elderly parent. The Planning Staff recommends approval of this application.

Chairman Vonier asked for questions from the Board. Hearing none, Chairman Vonier noted that a letter of opposition had been received by Amy Boskind of 10296 US Hwy 19 South, Thomasville Georgia and had been distributed to all Commissioners. Chairman Vonier asked for any opposition from citizens that were present. Hearing none, Chairman Vonier closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve application 23-3-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Vonier recognized Theresa Kindred Brown of 110 Glen Eagle Circle, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke on the vitality of Metcalfe, the highlights in Georgia Backroads Magazine, and the Metcalfe Heritage Society. She would like to see more interaction between the Commissioners and the Metcalfe community. Chairman Vonier recognized Stephanie Simmons, of 114 Paces Lane, Boston, GA, Mark Hey of 451 Norias Road, Thomasville, Georgia, and Kristin McGregor of 410

Norias Road, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke in opposition of the road closing of Winterpast Way. They are concerned about the lack of Emergency Services access should the road be closed. They ask for a reconsideration and reversal on the decision to close the road.

Reports: Chairman Vonier recognized County Manager Stephenson who distributed invitations to the Memorial Day Remembrance Luncheon to be held on May 22, 2023. This event will continue to promote the establishment of the TL Spence Veterans Museum & Education Center.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner NeSmith who announced the Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 30, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

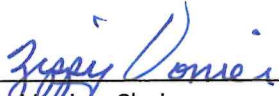
Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Grady made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel for \$2.7444/gal and unleaded fuel for \$2.7741/gal from Petroleum Products on March 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

Commissioner Grady also announced the Purchasing Committee meeting will be held on April 4, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who announced the Public Property Committee meeting will be held on April 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the recommendation to seek bids for archery targets for the Ranges at Oakfield. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Zippy Vonier, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk