

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 27, 2024

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 (absent)

Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3

Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Donnie L. Baggett, Vice-Chair Dist. 5

Moses Gross, Dist. 2

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Planning Director Ken Gay, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: none

Chairman Grady called the meeting to order, and Rev. Paul Ballard from Thomasville First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 27, 2024 Board Meeting. Commissioner NeSmith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady made a motion to approve the official name of 921 Smith Avenue as the R. Carlton Powell Public Safety Complex. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Planning Director Ken Gay who presented the preliminary plat for Jordan Oaks subdivision, Phase III. Ken stated that everything is in agreement and in accordance to the County Ordinances. Commissioner NeSmith confirmed that there is currently no road in Phase III. County Manager Stephenson added that the new road would go through a vigorous inspection process.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Jordan Oaks Subdivision, Phase III. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to appoint Dr. Kristopher Palmer, Vice President of Medical Affairs/Chief Medical Officer of Archbold to the Thomas County Department of

Public Health Board. Commissioner NeSmith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Grady recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who asked for clarification on the specific location of Phase III of Jordan Oaks and expressed concern of the additional traffic the development will bring to Hall Road.

Reports: Chairman Grady recognized County Manager Stephenson who referenced the handout for the Motorola Proposal and Cost Summary that would be voted on in the Emergency Services Report. He also distributed the ACCG detailed summary of House Bill 1266 / Housing: The Choice Act.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the System Upgrade + Agreement for the Radio System Platform from Motorola and authorize the County Manager to negotiate the costs associated with the agreement with Thomasville/Municipalities and Motorola. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the declaration of Emergency Services surplus and authorized the sale of items on GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the declaration of Fleet Services surplus and authorized the sale of items on GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Hickey also made a motion to approve the bid from Clay's Construction for the repair of Stony Brook Road for \$28,400. Commissioner NeSmith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Hickey made a motion to approve the Five Forks & Old Quitman Road project with an approximate cost of \$65,800. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Hickey made a motion to approve the bid from Webber Infrastructure for guard rail replacement for \$27,188. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Hickey made a motion to ratify the declaration of Public Works surplus (road widener) and authorized the sale on GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who announced the Public Property Committee Meeting has been moved to Monday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m. due to the ACCG Legislative Breakfast on March 7th.

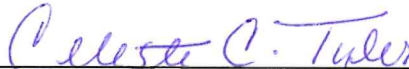
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Gross who congratulated Lucinda Brown and Royal Baker, III as the newly elected members of the Thomasville City Council.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Wiley Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk