

Special Called Meeting Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Broad St  
May 28, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a special called meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Mark NeSmith, District 4, Chairman                      Zippy Vonier, District 8  
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1  
Moses Gross, District 2  
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman, Fire Chief Chris Jones

Others Present: Olukayode Olubowale, SWGRC Planner II

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and offered the invocation.

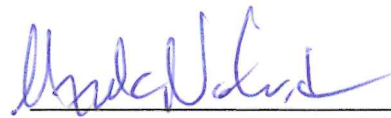
Chairman NeSmith called a public hearing at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Olukayode Olubowale (Kay) who discussed the updated Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2027-2031. The plan will serve as a guiding framework for Thomas County and the Cities of Thomasville, Meigs, Ochlocknee, Boston, Coolidge, and Pavo in coordinating and implementing hazard mitigation policies, programs and projects. The goals of the plan are to ensure public health and safety of the citizens of Thomas County, to facilitate responsible development in Thomas County and incorporated areas to reduce or eliminate the potential impacts of disasters, to enhance public awareness and understanding of disaster preparedness, to extend and increase public awareness of flood insurance as mitigative measure, and to enhance post-disaster response and recovery activities. Once the plan is adopted by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners, it is forwarded to GEMA and GEMA sends the plan to FEMA.

Chairman NeSmith closed the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

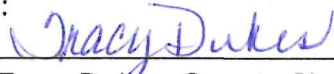
Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to adopt the Thomas County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan (2027-2031). Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Brown, and Vonier voting aye.

There being no further business, Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



Mark NeSmith, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tracy Dukes, County Clerk