

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
July 28, 2026

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:

Mark NeSmith, District 4, Chairman	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1	Moses Gross, District 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Zippy Vonier, District 8
Phillip V. Brown, District 7 Absent	

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent Nisha Thurman

Others Present:

News/Media Present: Abrayia Ruffin, WCTV News

Chairman Nesmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered the invocation.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2026, Board of Commissioners Special Called meeting as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Baggett and seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Hickey and seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to approve the July 28, 2026, agenda as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Baggett and seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting to Citizens

Chairman NeSmith recognized Pat Powers, 110 Lake Point Lane, Thomasville, GA 31757, a resident of the Lake Riverside neighborhood, voiced concerns regarding an ongoing property nuisance and requested the Board's assistance in addressing the matter. Caroline Hicks, 13706 Hwy 319 N., Thomasville, GA 31792. Ms. Hicks inquired regarding the 12-month moratorium on data centers and asked whether the Board intends to hold public meetings prior to the expiration of the moratorium.

Reports

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who announced Public Property Meeting on August 5, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Purchasing

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the purchase of regular gasoline for \$3.41/gallon and diesel fuel for \$3.98/gallon on July 14, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously with Chairman NeSmith and Commissioners Hickey, Vonier, Gross, Baggett, and Rich voting aye.

Public Works

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the authorization to declare surplus and sell on GovDeals online auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously with Chairman NeSmith and Commissioners Hickey, Vonier, Gross, Baggett, and Rich voting aye.

Authorization Resolution Sale of Surplus Property

Public Works is hereby authorized to sell the following listed Thomas County property on the [GovDeals](#) website:

AUCTION SURPLUS LIST

- Unit # 662 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 686 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 687 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 689 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 691 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 694 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 695 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-676 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-677 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-678 30 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-668 20 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-673 20 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-674 20 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- Unit # 07-675 20 Yard Roll Off Container (Sanitation)
- 82000132 Xerox Copier
- 820009933 Laser Jet Pro500 Color Printer
- 820002419 Brother Printer
- No Number Laser Jet 600 M602 Printer
- No Number Xerox Versalink B405 Printer
- 820003968 HP Officejet Pro X
- 820003424 HP Officejet Pro X
- 820007276 HP Color Laser Jet Pro
- 820007300 HP Color Laser Jet Pro
- 820007299 HP Color Laser Jet Pro
- No Number HP Compaq Elite 8300 Monitor
- No Number Work Centre 3550 Printer Xerox
- 82000358 Grey Cooler Vaccine Storage
- 820001571 Microlux Microscope
- 820001571 Ag Scientific Instruments
- 82000611 Ag Scientific Instruments
- 820002441 Powerspin FX Centrifuge
- 820007288 Elite One Computer
- 820008855 HP Elite One 800 Computer
- 820003420 HP Elite One 800 Computer
- 820000281 HP Compaq LE 2202X

- 820000103 HP Compaq Elite 8300
- 820000837 HP Elite One
- 820004174 HP Elite Display E201
- 820000867 HP 27 VII Computer Screen
- 820000374 Black TV Stand
- 820000152 Black TV Stand
- 820000690 Masimo BP Monitor
- 820000348 Kenmore Mini Freezer
- 820008605 Kenmore Mini Freezer

The sale shall commence on July 29, 2026, and end on August 29, 2026. All sales are absolute, to the highest bidder, with no reserve.

Any fee will be paid in full by the Buyer to GovDeals in connection with the sale of property. The fee is set by GovDeals and Thomas County has no responsibility for the fee rate. All funds shall be payable to the Thomas County Board of Commissioners in a manner to be prescribed by the Thomas County Finance Director. All funds from such sales shall be deposited in the appropriate Thomas County government fund.

If the above items do not sell on the GovDeals website within the set time frame, the Board of Commissioners declares the items salvage and authorizes Jay Knight, Director, to disassemble, destroy, discard, and/or recycle the salvaged items. The disposition of salvage items shall be certified in writing as prescribed by the Thomas County Clerk.

Authorized this the 29 day of July, 2026.


Mark NeSmith, Chairman


Tracy Dukes, County Clerk

Commissioner Hickey made a motion to ratify the authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Revashay Ministries' Georgia ReHoused Grant application. Chairman NeSmith noted after receiving a draft copy of the grant application, there were some questions and concerns regarding Thomas County being a co-applicant. He then recognized Revashay Ministries representative Allen Madding who stated he would like to have a Memorandum of Agreement with Thomas County to clearly define Thomas County's role in the project which would be limited to only providing decision-making and oversight related to zoning and land-use matters, as well as ensuring compliance with applicable county ordinances and regulations. Revashay Ministries would retain responsibility for the project's financial obligations, development, and implementation. Chairman NeSmith recommended Mr. Madding address this with the County Attorney. After discussion, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously with Chairman NeSmith and Commissioners Hickey, Vonier, Gross, Baggett, and Rich voting aye.

Emergency Services

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to proceed with the Grady EMC Grant, reimbursement application for \$4982.44 for Emergency Services for the purchase of jump bags. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously with Chairman NeSmith and Commissioners Hickey, Vonier, Gross, Baggett, and Rich voting aye.

With there being no further business, Commissioner Rich made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously with Chairman NeSmith and Commissioners Hickey, Vonier, Gross, Baggett, and Rich voting aye.

Adjourned: 6:16 p.m.



Mark NeSmith, Chairman

ATTEST:


Tracy Dukes, County Clerk