

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 24, 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	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Wiley Grady, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise, Chris Hurst WPAX

Chairman Vonier opened the meeting and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting
- Held a Public Hearing for Application 23-1-1 conditional use zoning for Alicia Nicholson, applicant, spouse of property owner, has applied for a conditional use zoning for property located at 101 Paces Lane, Map 015A, Parcel 001 (.52 of an acre, more or less.) This property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use.) The request is for a conditional use zoning to allow the property to be used as a family personal care home for up to six (6) people. If approved, the zoning of the property will be R-3 C.U. (Conditional Use, Family Personal Care Home up to six people.)
- Held a Public Hearing for the road closure of Winterpast Way petitioned by John and Nancy Phipps and Jack and Suzanne Howell
- Approved Application 23-1-1 for Conditional Use zoning contingent upon the State of Georgia inspecting and issuing a license for a personal care home and meeting the requirements of the Thomas County Health Department for water quality and sewage disposal
- Approved petition for road closure of Winterpast Way commencing on the eastern margin of the right-of-way of Metcalfe Road, Thomas County Georgia and ending at the western right-of-way of Norias Road, Thomas County, Georgia.
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Vonier recognized Jeanette Dixon of 148 Cindy Dr. Thomasville, Georgia who commented that she has had good conversations since the last meeting with a Commissioner and Chief Pettus. She also stated that with the help of neighbors, she now has a 10' x 20' chicken coop and that her chickens are safe. In regards to animal control, she also requested that the Commissioners let the community know how they can help. Chairman Vonier recognized Dr. Beckey Malphus of 138 Brentwood Drive, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke in favor of a continued relationship between the Humane Society and the County and favors pooling valuable resources from both parties. She also emphasized the importance of working with a no-kill shelter and provided statistics for a dramatic decline (50%) of animal in-take since 2012.; Chairman Vonier recognized Audrey Linder of 144 Highland Street, Thomasville, Georgia representing the NAACP, who distributed material and spoke on the value of a skilled Human

Resources Manager. She also highlighted an employee relations checklist and the 7 core HR functions.

- Adopted a Financial Authorization Resolution
- Approved 2022 End of Year Budget Amendment 23-1-1
- Approved doubtful accounts; and the transfer of accounts from accounts receivable to doubtful accounts
- Appointed Commissioner Donnie Baggett and Elaine Mays to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Board for 2023
- Appointed Ms. Joan Kautz Ellis to the Thomas County Animal Control Board
- Ratified diesel fuel purchase and unleaded fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$3.3780/gal and \$2.7281/gal on 1/11/2023 and 1/12/2023 respectively
- Announced the Public Property Committee meeting on February 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.