

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 8, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Mark NeSmith, Chairman, Dist. 4	Wiley Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Attorney Drew Tuggle, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Pat Donahue, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Others present: Shane Kelsey, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting and Commissioner Grady gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting
- Declared a Public Hearing for Thomas County and the cities of Boston, Coolidge, Ochlocknee, and Meigs to discuss the update to the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Thomas County is seeking a Broadband Ready designation, which requires an update to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Authorized Chairman to sign Memorandum of Agreement with GDOT for the following bridge projects: CR 298/Coffee Road @ Aucilla River; CR 305/Palmer Road @ Little Ochlocknee River Overflow; CR 305/Palmer Road @ Little Ochlocknee River; CR 360 Old US Hwy 84 @ CSX Railroad
- Approved 2021 Budget Amendment 22-2-1 (2021 End of Year)
- Approved Fund transfer from Unincorporated Services to the Emergency Services Fund
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg and Butter Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who encouraged the Board to commit to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035 and presented a sample Resolution for the Board to consider
- Approved proposal for Senior Transit Trips to charge one way trip – 55+ years \$.50 for all trips
- Introduced Re-zoning Application 22-2-1, Monte Ott, property owner
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments by Planning Director
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel from Coastal Plains Farmers CO-OP for \$2.8375/per gal. on February 1, 2022
- Ratified bid approval for ½ ton pick-up for Facilities Management from Stalling Motors (\$33,998 plus cover)
- Ratified bid approval for a 2022 Road Widener for Public Works from Yancey Brothers (\$190,925)
- Ratified bid approval for a Flex Wing Mower for Public Works from Ag Pro (\$20,200)
- Ratified bid approval for two Dump Trucks for Public Works from Peterbilt (\$326,080)
- Ratified bid approval for a 1- ton pick-up truck for Public Works from Stalling Motors (\$65, 938)

- Ratified bid approval for Sanitation Roll-Off Containers from Lewis Steel Works Inc. (\$44,000)
- Ratified approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA and their operation of the Scott Senior Center
- Announced Emergency Services meeting on February 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Public Works Committee on February 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.