

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
September 13, 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, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrot, Facilities Management Interim Director Johnnie Clark, Sheriff Carlton Powell, Sheriff's Office Admin. Charity Manwaring, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting and Donnie Baggett gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the August 23, 2022 meeting
- Distributed 2021 Years of Service Awards to Thomas County Employees recognizing 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, and 35 years of Service
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Candee Henderson of 453 Egg and Butter Road South, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke on her quest to have Thomas County commit to 100% renewable energy by 2035. She gave a comparison to Apollo 13 where "Failure is not an Option"; recognized Lucinda Brown of 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia who continued her request for Thomas County to hire a Human Resource Manager who would ensure employees are treated fairly and coached when needed; recognized Al Bryan, City Manager of Meigs, who gave an update on Meigs' Back to School program, recent financial audit, and Community Partnerships with Valdosta State University (3-yr Strategic Plan) and Windstream (broadband initiative).
- Approved contract with Genesys Health Alliance to provide inmate medical care
- Approved an increase in the inmate housing agreement
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments
- Ratified the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$4.0709/gal on August 30, 2022
- Ratified the purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products for \$3.1080/gal on August 30, 2022
- Ratified approval to install a water tap up to \$28,961.00 for the Southside Station from the City of Thomasville
- Ratified approval to purchase 8 patrol units (Charger pursuit vehicles) from Thomasville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram (\$296,072) and 8 "upfits" from Dana Safety Supply (\$108,000)
- Ratified approval to amend the ARPA Tentative Budget
- Ratified approval of recipients of Non-Profit ARPA grant awards
- Ratified approval of declared surplus and authorized to sell on GovDeals (Emergency Services)

- Announced the Emergency Services Committee will meet on September 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, and the Public Works Committee will meet on September 21, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.