

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
April 25, 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 (absent)	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Wiley Grady, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present: County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

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

- Approved minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting
- Declared Public Hearing - Capital Improvements Element: Thomas County Board of Commissioners to consider a resolution transmitting a draft Capital Improvements Element 2023 Annual Update report, relating to the County's impact fee program, to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for regional and State review pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.
- Adopted Capital Improvements Transmittal Resolution
- Approved proclamation for National Day of Prayer
- Approved preliminary plat for Grand Park Apartments, Phase II
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Vonier recognized Ucher Dent of 408 Pine Street, Ochlocknee, Georgia who asked for support for the local Juneteenth celebration--the observance honoring the end of slavery. As founder and organizer of the local chapter. Ms. Dent stated that the annual event will be held at the Deep South Fairgrounds and invites all races to come and celebrate the enslaved people of America. She asked for monetary sponsorship and consideration for the County to observe Juneteenth as a holiday. Chairman Vonier recognized Earl Williams, III of 211 Yorkshire Crescent, Thomasville, Georgia who echoed the sentiments of Ms. Dent. Along with a personal testimony he described the Freedom Festival as impressive, welcoming, friendly, and great camaraderie among citizens.
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.7304/gal on April 19, 2023
- Ratified approval to accept bid from ATMAX Equipment Company for \$248,089 for a self-contained mower
- Ratified approval to accept the bid from Adam Equipment for \$283,988 for a pothole patching truck
- Ratified approval to purchase camera installation and service for 1 Collection Site from Focus Communications

- Announced the following: Public Property Committee meeting on May 3rd at 8:30 a.m., the Personnel Committee meeting on May 4th at 4:00 p.m., and the Purchase Committee meeting on May 8th at 8:30 a.m.
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.