

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
May 14, 2024

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:

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

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Attorney Drew Tuggle, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, E-911 Director Whitney Hopkins, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Facilities Management Director Johnnie Clark, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Capt. Steve Jones, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Others present: Lyndall Knight, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post (VFW) 4995
Spencer Bowen, Manager of Thomas County Environmental Health Services
Wade Krueger, Public Defender, Southern Judicial Circuit

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

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

- Approved minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting
- Approved the May 14, 2024 Agenda
- Lyndall Knight, on behalf of VFW Post 4995, presented E-911, EMT, Fire, and Law Enforcement awards and challenge coins to Cherish Baillargeon, Clint Chastain, Chris Wynn, and Capt. Jerome Burgess, respectively. Every year the VFW presents awards to individuals in Public Service who protect life and property and who exemplifies personal courage. They are also recognized by their colleagues as individuals who are dedicated and consistently demonstrate excellence in their duties and profession.
- Approved Budget Amendment 24-5-1 that reflects a reimbursement to the General Fund for SPLOST 17 eligible purchases
- Approved the Drug Education Fund FY 2024 Annual Distribution to Thomas County Schools and Thomasville City Schools
- Approved proposed fee schedule for Environmental Health Services
- Discussed Public Defender contract
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Grady recognized Nathaniel Tyler, President of the local NAACP, who requested a proclamation for the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration. Chairman Grady recognized William Whitesell who introduced himself to the Board as a candidate campaigning in the upcoming election for Superior Court Judge in the Southern Judicial Circuit
- Introduced rezoning application #24-5-1 that has been filed by Centerville Partners, LLC, Gordon D. Hardy, Managing Member, agent for property owner, Elizabeth Powell Flowers. The subject property is located on South Pinetree Boulevard and is located on Thomas County Map 046, Parcel 119 consisting of 14.12 acres, more or less. The applicant is requesting to rezone the

property from AG (Agricultural) to R-4 (Residential, Single Family) for the development of a residential subdivision consisting of approximately 31 lots.

- Ratified diesel fuel purchase to Petroleum Products for \$2.6874 per/gal on April 23, 2024
- Approved bid for from sole vendor, S&L Integrated (\$109,497.37) for an audiovisual upgrade for Courtroom 2 at the Judicial Center
- Approved bid from sole vendor, NTS (\$73,833.22) for an IT upgrade for portions of the Historic Courthouse, Judicial Center, Elections and Registration, and Public Works
- Approved bid of \$23,625.00 from Green's Backhoe for paving Five Forks Volunteer Station
- Approved bid of \$34,091.00 from Green's Backhoe for paving Five Forks and Old Quitman Intersection
- Approved bid of \$25,126.20 from Industrial Chemicals for clay targets for the Ranges at Oakfield
- Adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.