

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 22, 2024

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman Dist. 6	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
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	Zippy Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Retirement/Benefits Jessie Winkelman, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Others present: State Court Judge Mark Mitchell
John Taylor and Brittany Stephenson with Taylor Benefit Resource

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Grady opened the meeting and Commissioner Jeremy Rich gave the invocation

- Approved minutes from the October 8, 2024 meeting
- Approved the October 22, 2024 Agenda
- Read Proclamation designating November 3, 2024 as “Retired Educators Day”
- Approved Special Event permit request the 8th Annual Kevin's Game Fair (Quail Bash) on November 8th, 2024. The event will be held at Chinquapin Plantation
- Heard request for hourly compensation increase for appointed attorneys in Thomas County State and Juvenile Courts
- Approved Liberty Mutual as the reinsurance carrier for the Thomas County employee Health Plan
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Grady recognized Sheriff Carlton Powell who thanked Thomas County Fire for their aid in putting out a grass fire on his property
- County Manager presented a compilation of information on 2024 Property Taxes for small towns and its possible effects if House Bill 581 passes in the State of Georgia and Thomas County
- Announced Public Property meeting and Open House at Five Forks Station to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 7th
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.