

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 25, 2025

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:

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

Staff present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Sheriff Tim Watkins, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Others present: Dr. Jimmy Clanton

Media present: none

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting, and Dr. Jimmy Clanton gave the invocation

- Approved minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting
- Approved the February 25, 2025 Agenda
- Approved request for a single day alcohol catering permit made by Hubs and Hops, LLC for the 3rd Annual Pebble Hill Polo Classic on March 8, 2025
- Ratified the acceptance of the First Responder Grant (\$15,000) for the Sheriff's Office – enclosed trailer, barricades, and cones
- Authorized application for the Georgia Fire Standards and Training Council Fireworks Tax Grant (\$9,222.00 with 10% match) for fire rated flashlight replacements
- Ratified the authorization to go out to bid for resurfacing Hansell Chastain, Horseshoe Circle, and Lower Cairo Road. The resurfacing will be funded by the 2025 LMIG grant for \$924,136.69 with a 30% match requirement from Thomas County
- Declared items as surplus as presented by the Facilities and Maintenance Department and authorized the sale of said items on GovDeals online auction
- Announced the next Public Property meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse
- Went into Closed Executive Session to discuss a legal matter O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)
- Returned to the Regular Board of Commissioners Board Meeting; no action was taken
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.