

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
March 11, 2025

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

Staff present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Public Works Director Jay Knight, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: none

Others present: Magistrate Judge Matt Shiner  
Jackie Leatherman, President of Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority  
Pastor Mike Nichols, Ochlocknee Baptist Church

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting, and Pastor Mike Nichols gave the invocation

- Approved minutes from the February 25, 2025 meeting
- Approved the March 11, 2025 Agenda
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with Brooks County for shared services for the Board of Equalization
- Appointed Mills Herndon to the Tax Assessor Board to fill Len Powell's remaining term that expires on December 31, 2025
- Amended the Service Delivery Strategy to include domestic violence shelters
- Approved the 2025 ACCG Safety Action Plan and submission for the ACCG Employee Safety Grant
- Chief Magistrate Matt Shiner gave an update on new website that has been implemented allowing greater visual presence and interaction capabilities
- Commissioner Grady introduced Jackie Leatherman, the newly hired President of Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority
- Approved application from Thomas County to amend the Land Use Standards Ordinance to align with the State of Georgia regulations
- Ratified the purchase of regular fuel for \$2.2298/gal and diesel fuel for \$2.4887/gal from Petroleum Products
- Approved the purchase of clay targets from Industrial Chemicals for \$22,880.88
- Awarded bid to Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, Inc. for the Sheriff's Office website for \$29,815
- Approved the purchase of concrete drainage pipes from Foley Product Company for \$22,905.16
- Ratified bid award to NEC Corporation of America for a IBW Latent Workstation, Flatbed Scanner, and software licenses (Sheriff's Office) for \$39,050
- Renewed contract with City of Valdosta for the use of its Regional Crime Laboratory during analysis of evidence

- Ratified purchase of drive 240' LF timber piling treated an mobilization from Southern Concrete Construction Company for \$26,600
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.