

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
April 8, 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
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, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Asst. E-911 Director Melany Harper, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: none

Others present: Mike Keown, Pastor for Little Ochlocknee Baptist Church

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

- Approved minutes from the March 25, 2025 meeting
- Approved the April 8, 2025 Agenda
- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with Brooks County for shared services for the Board of Equalization
- On behalf of Veterans of Foreign Affairs Allen-Cook Post 4995 Commander Greg Thweatt, Lyndall Knight, and Stephen NeSmith presented Public Service Awards to Mark Sealy and April Robinson
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman NeSmith recognized Krista Joiner of 162 Rocky Lane, Carol Burges of 725 N. Mitchell Street and Marianne Spangle of 328 N Pinetree Blvd. Thomasville, Georgia who shared their dissatisfaction with Animal Control. They described numerous attacks on beloved pets and humans by dangerous dogs. They stated that these are not strays and have given addresses to Animal Control. Chairman NeSmith recognized Frances Henderson-Goldberg of 627 N. Dawson, Thomasville, Georgia who stated that she had a pet duck that was killed in front of her by a dangerous dog and often sees the same dogs roaming the properties of the History Center and the Lapham Patterson House. She also wanted to express her concern over the speed of drivers on the recently paved East Webster Road, Thomasville, Georgia
- Ratified the purchase of diesel fuel for \$2.3973/gal from Petroleum Products on April 1, 2025
- Approved bid award to The Scruggs Company for Road Resurfacing (Hansell Chastain, Horseshoe Circle, and Lower Cairo Rd) for \$782,613.52
- Approved declaration of vehicle surplus and authorized its sale on GovDeals online auction
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.