

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
September 9, 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, District 4, Chairman
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Moses Gross, District 2 - Absent
Wiley Grady, District 6
Zippy Vonier, District 8

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester, Chief Assessor Daniel Stokes, Sheriff's Office Chuck McDonald and Chaplain Kevin Lamb, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Public Works Director Jay Knight.

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman NeSmith offered the invocation.

- Approved minutes of August 26, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Approved September 9, 2025, Agenda
- Set tentative millage rate
- Ratified bid for bridge guardrail installation and repair at Airport Road and Lower Meigs Road from Gracie Gray Contractors Inc. for \$38,540 and \$47,243 respectively
- Ratified bid for the purchase of 10 Roll-Off Containers from Lewis Steel for \$43,950.
- Ratified bid for a zero-turn mower with material collection system from Ag-Pro, sole bidder, for \$18,721.03.
- Ratified bid for the 2025 Colonial Square Round-a-bout, sidewalks, and resurfacing from The Scruggs Company for \$1,506,864.63, with a start date of October 13, 2025.
- Ratified bid for a gooseneck equipment tilt trailer from Phoenix Contracting for \$28,999.
- Ratified bid for concrete drainage pipe from Foley Product company, sole bidder, for \$66,645.05.
- Ratified bid for a 2026 dump truck from Four Star Freightliner for \$201,316. Jay Knight, Public Works Director recommended Four Star Freightliner based on truck body meeting specifications, unlike the apparent low bidder, and concerns regarding the front end of the Volvo, which was reported to be light duty rather than heavy-duty.
- Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.