

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
January 13, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a Commemorative Bicentennial Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

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

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Sheriff Tim Watkins.

News/Media Present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting and Commissioner Brown gave the invocation

- Approved minutes from the December 23, 2025, meeting
- Approved the January 13, 2026, Agenda
- Elected Commissioner Mark NeSmith 2026 Chairman of the Board
- Elected Commissioner Donnie Baggett 2026 Vice Chairman of the Board
- Appointed Bruce Warren as the 2026 County Attorney
- Approved reallocation of funds across the Southern Judicial Circuit
- Approved Package Beer and Wine License for Yash Jain dba Sunrise 2 Thomasville LLC
- Set 2026 qualifying fees
- Reappointed Commissioner Donnie Baggett, Elaine Mays, and Jason Giddens to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council
- Approved to designate inactive EMS accounts as Doubtful Accounts
- Awarded bid to Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. for a Dodge 4500 Type 1 Ambulance for \$279,994 (2025) – SPLOST 2023
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- Awarded bid to Delta Landscape Supply of GA for Hydroseeding Materials, as needed
- Awarded bid to sole bidder, Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics for Woven Geotextiles, as needed
- Awarded bid to sole bidder, Martin Marietta Materials for Aggregate Rock, as needed

- Awarded bid to low bidder, Dobbs Equipment Company for a 2026 John Deere Wheel Loader for \$179,500
- Awarded bid to low bidder, Fouts Commercial Vehicles for a 2025 Ford F550 Sign Truck for \$163,500
- Awarded bid to sole bidder, Jones Septic Tank Inc., for Installation of an on-site sewage management system for the Southside EMS Station for \$28,995
- Awarded bid for Janitorial supplies to low bidder per item to several vendors on an as needed basis.
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- Awarded bid to Petroleum Products for Diesel Fuel for \$2.283 per gallon on December 12, 2025
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.