

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
April 28, 2026

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

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Planning Director Ken Gay, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Rich offered the invocation.

- Approved minutes of April 14, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Approved April 28, 2026, agenda as amended
- Authorized chairman to sign Resolution ESPLOST Thomas County School Board Bond Issue/Tax Levy
- Authorized chairman to sign Professional Services Agreement between Reddish Executive Search Associates LLC dba Mercer Group Associates and Thomas County
- Authorized chairman to sign National Day of Prayer Proclamation
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman NeSmith recognized Jeanette Dixon of 148 Cindy Drive, Thomasville, GA who spoke on concerns of animal control/services. Topics included roaming dogs, ordinances, dogs running in packs. Chairman NeSmith recognized Chip Bragg of 10350 Springfield Rd, Thomasville, GA; Hank Crane 130 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA; Rob Clyatt 9163 Springhill Rd, Thomasville, GA. All speakers expressed opposition to the proposed ingress and egress for Pecan Farms Phase III being located on Springhill Road, noting their understanding that access would instead be provided via Highway 319. Chairman NeSmith recognized Steve Sykes 132 Pheasant Ridge, Thomasville, GA and Gary Hunter 119 S Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL. Both spoke in favor of ingress and egress for Pecan Farms Phase III being located on Springhill Road.
- The preliminary plat for Phase III of Pecan Farms Subdivision failed for lack of a motion.
- Ratified the purchase of Diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$3.715 per gallon on April 20, 2026.
- Ratified the authorization to proceed with procurement for the centerline striping project, consisting of approximately 33.11 miles, at an estimated cost of \$198,660, to be funded through supplemental 2017 SPLOST funds.

- Ratified the authorization to proceed with procurement for paving Ozell Road to the Brooks County Line for an estimated total of \$1,152,500 using the 2026 LRA grant with no local match.
- Ratified the approval to resume Tire Amnesty Day twice per year with Thomas County being solely responsible for the event
- Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.