

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
August 11, 2026

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

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent Nisha Thurman, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Chief Appraiser Daniel Stokes, E911 Director Whitney Hopkins, Fleet Services Director Juan Bernal, Planning Director Ken Gay, Elections Supervisor Savannah Sorrentino, Facilities Management Director Johnnie Clark, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Sheriff Tim Watkins.

Others Present: Magistrate Judge Matt Shiner, Probate Judge Josh Smith

News/Media Present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Nesmith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and offered the invocation.

- Approved minutes of July 28, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Approved August 22, 2026, Agenda
- County Manager Search – Selection of Finalist – Shawn Boatright
- Set Tentative Millage Rate
- Appointed Bob Brettel to Department of Family and Children's Services Advisory Board for a second term
- Ratified authorization for Chairman NeSmith to sign TREES ACT Resolution
- Ratified motion to rebid 3-year right-of-way mowing contract for FY2027 to 2029
- Adjourned 9:30 a.m.