

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
October 13, 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 Absent	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1 Absent	Moses Gross, District 2 -
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Zippy Vonier, District 8
Phillip V. Brown, District 7 Absent	

Staff Present: County Manager Shawn Boatright, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Mike Tucker Public Works.

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

- Approved the September 22 meeting minutes and amended the current agenda to move the county manager's report to the end of the meeting.
- Approved Budget Amendment 26-10-1
- Approved the removal of retired County Manager Michael Stephenson from county banking and financial transactions and added County Manager Shawn Boatwright as an authorized financial representative.
- Introduced rezoning application 26-10-01: Brook J. Parrish, property owner, has applied for a conditional use zoning for property located at 14768 Ga. Hwy. 122 E. , located on Thomas County Map 003, Parcel 087B consisting of 12.28 acres, more or less. The request is for a conditional use to allow for the use of a petting farm. If approved, the property will be classified as Ag C.U. (Agricultural, Conditional Use, Petting Farm.)
- Ratified the purchase of diesel fuel at \$4.824 per gallon on September 9, 2026, gasoline at \$3.719 per gallon on September 10, 2026, and diesel fuel at \$4.978 per gallon on September 22, 2026.
- Ratified a three-year right-of-way mowing and roadside trash-pickup contract with GM Land Solutions at \$525,000 per year.
- Ratified the bid award to Deep South for a 2026 Class A pumper fire truck in the amount of \$466,700. The new truck will replace the wrecked fire engine, which will be assigned to Boston, Georgia.
- Ratified the purchase of a Kellwell Tilt Skillet for the jail kitchen in the amount of \$23,771 to replace outdated equipment.
- Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.