

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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- 20160112 Elected Kenneth E. Hickey Chairman for 2016
- 20160112 Elected Phillip V. Brown Vice-Chairman for 2016
- 20160112 Reappointed Bruce Warren County Attorney
- 20160112 Ratified diesel fuel purchase, 1/4/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.1925 per gallon; gas purchase 1/4/2016, Plantation Petroleum \$1.4133
- 20160112 Set Qualifying fees for 2016 Elections
- 20160112 Approved Sheriff's purchase request, Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. for livescan equipment to meet new Georgia standards, \$15,200 and surplus Cogen livescan for sale to departments outside of Georgia
- 20160112 Approved to apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace Unit 703 air trailer with 10% match of \$16,000 budgeted in 2016
- 20160112 Reviewed the credit card resolution (HB192) with county attorney. Action postponed until 1/26/16
- 20160112 Approved Public Property recommendation to purchase 10 911 Console, Watson Dispatch, \$149,283.65 for new 911 Center
- 20160112 Authorized the manager to sign the FY2016 capital contract supplement and approved to pay the match for 4 new transit shuttle vans \$17,676.40 upon receipt of the contract.
- 20160126 Rescinded 11/10/2015 motion to hold a public hearing to consider the closing of Winter Past Road. (no public hearing held)
- 20160126 No public hearing held for Cardinal Ridge Road, will re-advertise
- 20160126 Public Hearing for 2016 CDBG Pre-application for input from the public, there was none
- 20160126 Approved Memorandum of Understanding, DOT Transportation Enhancement, Metcalfe Project
- 20160126 Approved Ordinance for Purchasing Card and Credit Card/Thomas County Elected Officials
- 20160126 Approved Resolution regarding County Issued Purchasing/Credit Cards and named County Elected Officials authorized
- 20160126 Ratified Board Poll-1-20-2016, Extend Colonial Life open-enrollment to 2/29/2016, one year only, Pay occupational claims until 2/29/2016.
- 20160126 Approved Budget Amendment 16-1-1 for 2012 SPLOST Capital Projects
- 20160126 Approved Financial Resolution for banking purposes
- 20160126 Approved IGA between Board of Elections and Registration and City of Barwick
- 20160126 Howard Woodard requested 'No Trucks' signs on 84 By-Pass @ County Line Road
- 20160209 Approved the abandonment of a certain portion of Cardinal Ridge Road pending an updated Survey
- 20160209 Ed Williams, Humane Society Ex. Director, Animal Control Manager, Chandler Giddes
- 20160209 Appointed Jeanie Crittenden to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission as the additional Member
- 20160209 Approved the 2015 distribution of the Drug Education Fund
- 20160209 Approved to contract with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission – Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy
- 20160209 Approved the recap of the Animal Control Restricted Fund Balance as presented and spend by board approval
- 20160209 Approved to proceed with bid process for a 4-wheel drive truck for Animal Control
- 20160209 Approved to proceed with bid process for striping 45.14 road miles, est \$90,280
- 20160209 Approved right of way mowing contract, Joiner Construction \$119.19 per mile, \$171,748.02 Annually
- 20160209 Approved annual Asphalt contract, two vendors, low bid by availability and location, Scruggs Co.

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- and H & H Const.
- 20160209 Approved metal pipe purchase for Lillie Lane, CDBG Project, Southeast Culvert \$8,518.60
- 20160209 Approved purchase of 3 extrication pumps, \$15,000, Rescue Systems
- 20160209 Ratified diesel, Petroleum Products \$1.1552, gas Plantation Petroleum \$1.1089, 2/4/16
- 20160223 Approved Preliminary Plat for Richard Squires, WSW Properties, 3 phases, Brookstone Subdivision, 16 acres 5339 US 319 S
- 20160223 Approved 2016 Transit Capital contract – 4 shuttle vans with lift, match \$17,676.40 10% match
- 20160223 Approved Stewart Collection Site guard office \$12,000±; Patten Coolidge Collection site next project, \$24,000 ±; Reichertville Collection site, new paved driveway and pad, \$7,700±
- 20160223 Approved Metcalfe Collection site lease with Thomas Johnson, \$1,000/annually/10 years
- 20160308 Approved 2016 Family Enrichment Group, Inc, (formally CASA) for \$6,000
- 20160308 Recognized Zippy Vonier, candidate for Dist 8, and Ed Williams, Humane Society, attending meeting
- 20160308 Approved letter of intent by Tri-County Water System, Inc. – right of way deeds for Brinson Road and Thomas Drive 2014 CDBG
- 20160308 Discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement revisions for the Radio System/City of Thomasville
- 20160308 Approved Valdosta Commercial Doors proposal for re-keying the Jail Justice Center, \$14,077
- 20160308 Approved the name change of the Hancock Center and Thomas Plaza to ‘Hancock Center’
- 20160308 Approved purchase of vehicles for the Commissioners’ Office, Building Maintenance, Building Inspection, Fire Department, Sheriff’s Office, and Vice for a total of \$534,100.07, \$32,272.93 under budget, from Stallings Motor Company and Allen Vigil Ford
- 20160308 Approved Traffic Striping, Purchasing Committee recommendation, MidState-\$60,797.00
- 20160308 Ratified diesel, Petroleum Products, \$1.1130 2/26/2016
- 20160308 Awarded Bob Roberson and Associates as administrator to complete 2016 CDBG Application
- 20160308 Awarded Stevenson and Palmer as engineering consultant for 2016 CDBG Application
- 20160322 Awarded The Scruggs Company bid for paving, Lillie Lane \$114,167.06, Brinson & Thomas Drives \$172,959. – Total 2014 CDBG \$287,127.05
- 20160322 Approved applications for 2016 All Hazards Grant \$30,000 with no match.
- 20160322 Discussion of P-25 System cost sharing proposals. City and County proposals, County Proposal approved contingent upon intergovernmental agreement with Thomasville
- 20160322 Court Reporters Budget reduction of \$46,200
- 20160322 South Pinetree Boulevard Community Meeting May 3, 2016, 5-8:00 pm at Thomasville Resource Center
- 20160322 Ratify Fuel Purchase, 3/17/2016, Plantation Petroleum, Gas \$1.4321, Diesel \$1.3106
- 20160412 Nicole Gatlin, Heritage Foundation, Re-Entry Partnership Housing Program. Turned over to Planning and Zoning
- 20160412 Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security-Statewide Mutual Aid-Chris Jones and Lisa Griffis appointed contract.
- 20160412 Ratified diesel, Petroleum Products, \$1.28421 4/11/2016
- 20160412 Purchase herbicides-Meherrin \$11,244.50, Coastal \$906.25
- 20160412 Purchase camera system-Pod A&B at Jail-Focus Communication, \$14,927.18
- 20160412 Purchase – Elections voting scanners, computers, software and ballot printer; Elections Systems & Software \$15,695.00, Dell and Office Depot \$7,096.54; total \$22,790.46
- 20160412 Closed Session Personnel
- 20160426 Approved Resolution to Transmit the Draft Annual Update to the Regional Commission.
- 20160426 Approved E-SPLOST Bond Resolution for the Thomas County School System.

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- 20160426 Reported update on CAD RFP process
- 20160510 Approved Magistrate, State, and Superior Courts Probation Contracts with CSRA
- 20160510 Approved 5.2.16 fuel bids, Petroleum Products; gas-\$1.6806, diesel-\$1.4790
- 20160510 Approved tire changer purchase, NAPA, \$18,031
- 20160510 Approved to purchase 5 power stretchers, Stryker, \$85,418.55
- 20160510 Approved to purchase turn-out gear; NAFECO \$38,080.35; Municipal Equipment Co. \$17,799.
- 20160510 Approved to purchase a washer from Commercial & Coin Laundry Equipment \$9,948
- 20160510 Approved 7 vehicle cameras for Sheriff's Office, Digital Ally \$24,310
- 20160510 Approved 911-Center Change Order #3; no net change in contract amount, reduced contingency \$7,468.92
- 20160510 Approved final payment to CCH for Jail Justice Center expansion project (SPLOST) \$1,997.59
- 20160510 Authorized the manager to negotiate the cost of a roundabout for the S. Pinetree SPLOST project with Falcon Design up to \$45,000
- 20160510 Distributed draft of Facilities sharing agreement for Jail/Justice Center
- 20160614 Proclamation – Live Better Day – August 26<sup>th</sup>
- 20160614 Hunter Drew, ISO, Homeowners insurance
- 20160614 Greg Hobbs, Mayor of Thomasville, presented Big Oak Award to Board, Historic Preservation of Courthouse
- 20160614 FY2017 Department of Corrections capacity agreement 185
- 20160614 Proceed with attendant houses at Dillon and Riverwood sites, not to exceed \$55,000
- 20160614 Prepare specifications for new 20-yard roll off containers, not to exceed \$23,300
- 20160614 Ratify-one time patching at Sanford Heights, Public Safety issue
- 20160614 Purchase Rescue Truck from Custom Truck, 2016 Falcon LT, \$137,900
- 20160614 Purchase pipe from Gulf Atlantic Culvert, \$27,537
- 20160614 Purchase Bulldozer, Flint Equipment \$97,487 with warranty \$3,977
- 20160614 Purchase tractor for Public Works, Albany Tractor, Pelham, \$40,423.13
- 20160614 Ratify diesel fuel purchase, 5/25/2016, \$1.5753 per gallon, Petroleum Products
- 20160614 CLOSED Session, Personnel – No action to be taken
- 20160628 Awarded E-911 CAD Software to Tyler Technologies \$264,350
- 20160628 Resolution to adopt 2016 CIE Update and submit to Regional Commission
- 20160628 Approved 9 subcontractor contracts for the Hancock Center Project. Air Conditioning Technology - \$65,000, Bannister Electric - \$76,907, Crittenden's Paint Depot - \$12,455, Harrison Custom Cabinet - \$49,700, Montgomery Coatings, Inc. - \$22,500, Taylor Construction - \$93,975 - Demolition and Studs/Drywall, Insulation, Chris Taylor Plumbing - \$13,500, Valdosta Commercial Doors - \$22,077
- 20160628 Approved contract for Tyler Technologies for E-911 CAD Software
- 20160712 Geary Holland, Janes Lane No Action
- 20160712 Approved Authorizing Resolution for Capital Purchases of Buses and computer \$12,647.01-5311 Transit
- 20160712 Appointed Ken Manwaring to the Dept. of Family and Children Services Board
- 20160712 Appointed James Parrott to the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Regional Board.
- 20160712 Appointed George Bauer to the Thomas County Public Library Board
- 20160712 Appointed Tommy Hill to SW GA WorkForce Development Board
- 20160712 Chief Magistrate S. Andrews Seery thanked the board for the expansion of Magistrate Court and that they are very proud of the new offices.

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- 20160712 Recognized Commissioner Elect Zippy Vonier
- 20160712 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation – Disaster Debris and Removal contracts awarded to Ceres Environmental, Southern Disaster Recovery, TAG Grinding.
- 20160712 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation – Purchase road signs from Vulcan Signs for \$13,921.01
- 20160712 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation-2016 Morbark Chipper-Mackinnon Equipment- \$44,595
- 20160712 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation – 2016 Stanley Power Pack and Post Driver from United Rentals for \$9,713
- 20160712 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation – purchase 6 Roll-off containers from Marpan Supply for \$23,000
- 20160726 Geary Holland, Jane’s Ln. Turned in a petition and photos concerning The Scruggs Co.
- 20160726 Approved a resolution to adopt the Zero Tolerance Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy as approved by DOT
- 20160726 William Woodward, 20 Holly Springs Dr. thanked the board for resurfacing the County Line Road and for their fast action in placing No Truck signs at the By-Pass and 19 N.
- 20160726 Mr. Stephenson explained the 2 options for the 2016 Property Tax Levy to be discussed at a workshop on 7/28/2016.
- 20160726 Approved the low bid from Johnson Controls to repair modules 1, 2 of the Air Stack Chiller at the Judicial Center for \$9,994.
- 20160728 By resolution committed 4.5 million from General Fund Reserve Fund to operating and capital expenses as allowed under Section 13.53 of Georgia’s Uniform Chart of Accounts.
- 20160728 Cancelled 8-9-2016 Board Meeting and set a Special Called meeting for 8/9/2016 9:00
- 20160728 Set the Tentative 2016 Millage rate at the Insurance Premium Rollback rates
- 20160809 Meeting Cancelled
- 20160810 Special Called Meeting
- 20160810 Proclamation – David Ross, Honorary County Commissioner for August 2016
- 20160810 Approved Resolution setting the 2016 Millage Rates for all funds and the Thomas County Board of Education’s millage rate
- 20160810 Approved Budget for the Hancock Center / Extension Service Budget (remodel) \$450,000
- 20160810 Approved Budget for the 911 Center Budget, \$2,816,000
- 20160810 Manager Report – Shooting Range, verify all studies and execute IGA
- 20160810 Manager Report – Preparing budget for closing the prison and for keeping the Prison open
- 20160810 Approved CCH/JRL change order #4 for the 911 Center, \$4,793.94
- 20160810 Approved air conditioner replacement for the jail kitchen \$5,485 and JJC Courtroom, \$13,085.  
Air Conditioning Technology
- 20160810 Ratified Gas purchase, 7/28/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5197
- 20160810 Ratified Diesel purchase, 8/3/2016, Plantation Petroleum, \$1.29632
- 20160823 Lana Lameier, Terry Jackson, Shady Lane, Access when train is blocking sole entrance-T/O Road Committee
- 20160823 Al Walden, Potholes at intersection of Hall and 319 By-Pass-Referred to Insurance Dept.
- 20160823 Prison – Counties that accept defined benefit transfers into their county.
- 20160823 Amended 2016.07.26 action, Johnson Controls to repair modules 1, 2 of the Air Stack Chiller at the Judicial Center for \$9,994 to a total of \$12,873.
- 20160823 Ratified Diesel purchase, 8/23/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5553
- 20160913 Representative Darlene Taylor, Daniel Stokes update on FLPA

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- 20160913 Approval of the ACCG Safety Verification – Workers Comp and Property and Casualty
- 20160913 Accepted All Hazards Grant for Training and Swift Water equipment \$30,000 no match
- 20160913 Accepted GEMA / Homeland Security Grant for \$28,832 with a 50% (\$13,416) local match for training and upgrading shutters and phone lines at the EOC
- 20160913 Approved Change Order #5 for 911 Center exceeding the contingency budget and increasing the contract by \$1,040.77
- 20160913 Approved purchase of 2016 Mclendon LB52-33CS 52 Ton lowboy trailer from Freightliner of Savannah
- 20160913 Declared Unit 242 1988 Wallace Lowboy surplus for auction (Corrected to Unit 232 1982 Rome lowboy at 9/27/2016 meeting)
- 20160913 Purchased concrete pipe from County Materials Corp for stock at unit price when needed
- 20160913 Awarded striping contract to Peek Pavement marking LLC for \$48,420
- 20160913 Ratified Diesel purchase, 9/1/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5934 per gallon
- 20160913 Notice of Award from Gov. Deal, 2016 CDBG \$500,000 Foxcroft
- 20160927 Keep America Beautiful presentation, Ellen Bosman
- 20160927 Ratified the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to receive the grant for the Shooting Range
- 20160927 Appointed Ron Kelley as a Safety Coordinator. 1<sup>st</sup> time Thomas County has had 2-Donnie Baggett and Ron Kelley
- 20160927 Granted the Certificate of Occupancy to CCH Construction Co. and agreed to process the final payment
- 20160927 Approved the Motorola quote for moving the radio equipment to the new building. \$25,278.42
- 20160927 Approved the 2017 operating and capital contract for the G-DOT 5311 authorizing the chairman to sign the necessary documents.
- 20160927 Sandi Shaw submitted documents concerning gun range safety for consideration
- 20160927 Thomasville’s Josh Nishwonger introduced Anna Jense and Maggie Martin, Senior representatives of our Secretary of State Student Ambassadors program
- 20160927 Mr. Stephenson stated that the 2017 Budget Books are distributed with the Department Request
- 20160927 Mr. Stephenson reported that he has a meeting in Forsyth with Dept. of Corrections representatives tomorrow concerning the Prison
- 20160927 Dollar Store Road bridge over Horse Creek, emergency closing
- 20160927 Emergency repair approved for Dollar Store Road Bridge, Southern Concrete Construction, \$15,553.
- 20160927 Ratified Diesel purchase, 9/13/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5001 per gallon
- 20161011 Appointed Dr. Coy Irvin to the Board of Health
- 20161011 Approved 30-day moratorium on the solar installations
- 20161011 Approved H & H as the paving contractor for the Lower Boston and Parramore Roads \$806,801
- 20161011 Ratified Diesel purchase, 9/28/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5314 per gallon
- 20161011 Approved Stallings Motors purchase of a 2017 Dodge Charger \$23,872.00
- 20161011 Ratified Odum Tele-Communication \$21,043.08, boring, fiber & phone connection to Judicial Ctr
- 20161011 Declared Patten Courthouse surplus and instructed to proceed to advertise the building to be sold and moved.
- 20161025 Approved CDBG Grant, Foxcroft Drive
- 20161025 Approved Capital Improvement Element Amendment
- 20161025 Approved Marshall Jones, Eagle Scout Project, construct gun racks and picnic tables for shooting range

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- 20161025 Denied Application #16-10-1 Ramona Ramsby, property owner, request for conditional use zoning for property located at 695 Baldwin Rd
- 20161025 Approved Breedlove Land Planning Proposal, Site Design Drawings for the Shooting Range
- 20161025 Approved Tony Wooten to proceed with 3 Barrel Box Culvert for Airport Road Bridge repair, price to be negotiated
- 20161025 Ratified Diesel purchase, 10/20/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.6772 per gallon
- 20161025 Ratified Gas purchase, 10/20/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.7491 per gallon
- 20161108 Public Hearing – Tony Odom appeal
- 20161108 Approved Tony Odom’s appeal to build a dog kennel with restrictions (Mays opposed)
- 20161108 Ervin Davis – Presentation of Health Lifestyle Choices, Global Ministry
- 20161108 Approved 2016 Engineering Contract for CDBG/Foxcroft with Goodwyn, Mills, Cawood, Robert Ramsey
- 20161108 Extended the 30-day moratorium on solar installations for six months, ending date 5-10-2017
- 20161108 Declared the repair of the Airport Road Bridge an emergency purchase
- 20161108 Approved the repair of the Airport Road Bridge and award contract to Southern Concrete for \$197,940, option 2 presented funded with the Airport Fund.
- 20161108 Declared surplus, salvage, and recyclable items listed in the agenda package.
- 20161108 Approved to submit application for 2018 5311 Transit Grant
- 20161108 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation to award road spraying herbicides to Meherrin for \$10,900
- 20161108 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation to award the rock bid to A Mining and purchase as needed
- 20161108 Ratify the Purchasing Committee action – Award TransAmerica the stop-loss insurance coverage for the health benefits and include prescription drugs in the specific stop-loss
- 20161108 Ratified the Public Property Committee action to repair the boiler at the Judicial Center, Lang Mechanical \$4,533.00
- 20161122 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing to begin the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan
- 20161122 Set February 9 and February 16, 2017 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Each board member to select 2 citizens to serve.
- 20161122 Lee Webb, Ex. Director of the Thomasville Landmarks gave update on the progress of the Metcalfe Project.
- 20161122 Sheriff Carlton Powell requested reconsideration of the \$1.00 hour increase for Deputies that rotate shifts every quarter. Approved
- 20161122 Ratified Diesel purchase, 11/11/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.5870 per gallon
- 20161122 Ratified Department of Natural Resources 11.18.2016 contract for the Recreational Shooting Complex.
- 20161122 Set Planning Meeting for January 17, 2017 at 8:30 in the commissioner’s conference room.
- 20161213 Postponed report from Shelley Zorn – Thomasville PDA
- 20161213 William Clark, Attorney for Inman Solar, discussed the ordinance process for solar installations
- 20161213 Approved Tony & Marlene Bienes, Green Village, Preliminary Site, GA Hwy 3, Subdivision Name Green Village, Private Lane, 9 lots
- 20161213 Approved 2017 Budget Resolution All Funds
- 20161213 Approved 2016 Budget Amendment 16-12-1, \$585,774

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- 20161213 Appointed Britt Wetherington to the Thomas County Planning and Land Use Standards Commission to fill unexpired term. Term ending 12/17/2017
- 20161213 Reappointed Len Powell to the Board of Assessors, 3 year term, expires 12/31/19
- 20161213 Reappointed Donnie Baggett to the Georgia Pines Community Service Board, 2 year term, expires 1/31/2019
- 20161213 Approved the Emergency Management Ordinance (update required every 4 years)
- 20161213 Approved the 2017 Observed Holidays and Board Meeting Schedule
- 20161213 Reviewed the distribution formula of the Occupational Tax (hotel/motel) as set by Georgia Legislation
- 20161213 Approved adjusted small town distribution (2010 census) of the Occupational Tax (hotel/motel)
- 20161213 Approved bonuses for collection site attendants based on 30% of the scrap metal sold
- 20161213 Approved Fund Transfer of \$750,000; \$500,000 from Committed Fund Balance to Unincorporated Services Fund, \$100,000 from General Fund to Recreation Fund, \$150,000 from General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund (Hancock Center Parking Lot)
- 20161213 Approved the SWGa Regional Commission Transit Contract
- 20161213 Approved final payment to CCH for the 911 Call Center \$174,506.34
- 20161213 Approved final payment to Jinright, Ryan, & Lynn for the 911 Call Center \$1,269
- 20161213 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation to purchase of Aggregate Rock from A Mining Company
- 20161213 Approved Purchasing Committee recommendation to award to the lowest bid per item, providing all specifications are met, to Tom Horne Supply, Holley, Inc. and Whitehead Hardware for the purchase of tools in 2017
- 20161213 Ratified Diesel purchase, 12/09/2016, Petroleum Products, \$1.7090 per gallon
- 20161213 Approved EMS write-offs for the years 2011 and 2012 of uncollectable debt, \$83,865.05
- 20161213 Presented a Proclamation honoring J. Elaine Mays for serving District 8 for 16 years, 2001-2016 followed by a reception.