

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
September 22, 2020

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:

**Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7**

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1  
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3  
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

**Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6**

Moses Gross, Dist. 2  
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4  
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX

Others present: Tony Smith of 6162 Airline Road, Pavo, Georgia

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown declared a Public Hearing.

Donna Holbert, Zoning Administrator introduced Re-Zoning application 20-9-1. Applicant Tony Smith, property owner, is requesting a conditional use on property located on Airline Road located on Thomas County Map 12, Parcel 21 consisting of 22.73 acres, more or less from AG (Agricultural) to AG C.U. (Agricultural, Conditional Use) to allow for one recreational vehicle park site. The Planning Staff recommends approval of this conditional use application.

With no opposition present, Chairman Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve application 20-9-1 for conditional use. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the annual Transportation Service Provider Contract between Thomas County and the Department of Human Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who gave an update on the status of the annual Thomas County Employee Health Fair. Tentatively, it looks like there will not be a new health

screen for employees in the Fall. Employees will carry over the results from the last screening in 2019 for the lower deductible rates. They can appeal the rates by providing documentation from their private physician if their medical status has changed. The last date for the appeal process is November 30, 2020. New hires for 2020 will have a modified health screen, primarily blood testing, in order to be eligible for the lower deductible rates. The blood work will be administered by Corporate Care. The tentative date to receive the County sponsored flu shot is October 13, 2020 (morning only). The vaccination will be administered in the parking lot of the Health Department.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced. The Personnel Committee originally scheduled for September 23, 2020 has been cancelled. The Public Property Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on October 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. The Purchasing Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on October 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. The Finance Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on September 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rich commented that it was good to see everyone, and stated that his absence has been correlated with school being back in session.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk