

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
September 14, 2021

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:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7 (absent)	Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)	Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (absent)
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

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

News/Media present: Pat Donahue, Thomasville Times Enterprise; Chris Hurst WPAX

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

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown stated that upon his review of the submitted documents for a Package Beer License request, all requirements according to Thomas County's ordinance have been met. The applicant is Dextra Wilson dba Z & K Convenience Store at 1555 Summerhill Road, Thomasville, Georgia.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the application for a Package Beer License for Dextra Wilson dba Z & K Convenience Store at 1555 Summerhill Road, Thomasville, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized John Taylor of Taylor Benefit Resource who presented the Health Plan Cost Summary to the Board. The County had a stellar year this year coming in a ½ of a million dollars less in expenses than expected. Due to this performance, Western Skies, our reinsurance carrier, will not increase our cost next year. Commissioner NeSmith thanked John and Britany Stephenson for keeping the Board of Commissioners abreast of pertinent information and making good recommendations for the County's Health Plan.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the annual renewal of Taylor Benefit Resource as the County's health plan provider. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Stephenson recognized Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert who Introduced application #21-9-1 from Chris Dunham, managing member of property owner, Live Oak Avenues, LLC to rezone property located on Hall Road identified on Thomas County Tax Maps as Map 45, Parcels 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and a large portion of 137 and consisting of 35.73 acres more or less. This property is currently zoned as Ag, R-2, and CG and the request is to rezone this property to RM-11 so as to allow for the development of a single- family residential subdivision. A public hearing will be held on this application at the September 28th County Commission Meeting

Committee Reports

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.1650/gal on August 27, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.


Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to ratify approval of payment to Ray Finger, architect, for services rendered on the Southside Station project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced. The Purchasing Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on September 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. The Emergency Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on September 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.


Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:


Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk