

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 28, 2023

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:

**Zippy Vonier, Chairman, Dist. 8**  
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1  
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3  
Wiley Grady, District 6

**Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5**  
Moses Gross, District 2  
Mark NeSmith, District 4  
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

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

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

**Board Appointments:** Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to re-appoint BJ Vonier to the Georgia Pines Community Service Board (two-year term). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0-1) with Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye and Chairman Vonier abstaining.

**Open Meeting to the Citizens:** Chairman Vonier recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg & Butter Road South, Thomasville, Georgia who continued speaking on her mission of 100% renewable energy for Thomas County by 2035. She also reported that solar panels can be refurbished and re-used and referenced a company in Odessa, Texas (Solar Cycle) that works with recycling the panels.

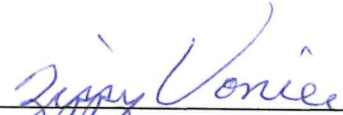
**Reports:** Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to ratify approval to purchase a modular kennel from Sobeinfo Incorporated for \$34,750.00 plus shipping. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

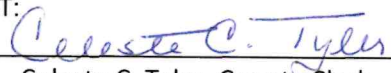
Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who announced the next Public Property Committee meeting will be held on March 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify approval for the Thomas County Animal Services Shelter to be located on Joiner Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to ratify authorization to apply for a \$2,000 reimbursement grant through Keep Thomas County Beautiful/Golden Triangle and a \$5,000 reimbursement grant through LGRMS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Moses who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Rich voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

  
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Zippy Vonier, Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
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Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk