

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
June 13, 2023

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:

Zippy Vonier, Chairman, Dist. 8

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)
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, Attorney Drew Tuggle, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, and Purchasing Agent Nisha Thurman

News/Media present: none

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

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to amend the June 13, 2023 agenda to include an appointment to the Department of Family and Children Services Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Vonier recognized County Manager Stephenson who announced that the 2023 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update had been submitted and approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The document will be an amendment to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Georgia, Thomas County

Adoption Resolution
Capital Improvements Element Annual Update
Thomas County, Georgia

WHEREAS, Thomas County adopted a Capital Improvements Element as an amendment to the *Thomas County Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County has prepared the fiscal 2023 Annual Update to the adopted Capital Improvements Element; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update was prepared, submitted and reviewed in accordance with the “Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements” and the “Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning” adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County does hereby adopt the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update, as per the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Adopted this **13th** day of **June**, 2023.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to appoint Bob Brettel to the Department of Family and Children Services Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved 6-0-1 with Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye. Chairman Vonier abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Reports: Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner NeSmith who announced the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 22nd at 8:30 a.m., and the audit will be reviewed.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to ratify the purchase of regular fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.372/gal on June 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the Janitorial Supplies bid to Osceola Supplies and Clean Star as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the un-hulled Bermuda Grass Seed bid to Coastal Plains Farmers for \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the Ready- Mix Portland Cement Concrete bid to Reames Concrete Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the Road Signs bid to Vulcan Signs for \$45,023.01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

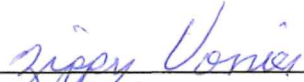
Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the Timber Sale bid to Norton Timber. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Commissioner Grady made a motion to award the Fire Turnout Gear bid to Municipal Equipment for \$106,654. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and NeSmith voting aye.

Chairman Vonier recognized County Manager Stephenson who announced the next Personnel Committee meeting will be held on June 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Vonier recognized Commissioner Hickey who announced the next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on June 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Vonier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Vonier and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Gross, Hickey and NeSmith voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



Zippy Vonier, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Nisha Thurman, Purchasing Agent