

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
March 12, 2024

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman District 6

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1 (absent)
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Donnie L. Baggett, Vice-Chair District 5

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

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

News/Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

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

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 Board Meeting. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady announced that he is appointing Commissioner Donnie Baggett as a voting delegate for the Three Statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission and Regional Advisory Council.

Reports – Chairman Grady recognized County Manager Stephenson who in turn recognized Planning Director Ken Gay. Ken introduced rezoning application 24-3-1 filed by Bret L. Owens, Member/Owner, BWCCO, LLC and Sharon Marie Davis, 8419, LLC, Secretary. The subject property is located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East (Map 046H, Parcel 093 consisting of 4.991 acres, more or less & 094 consisting of 5.003 acres, more or less.) The request is to rezone a 3.381 acre, more or less, portion of Parcel 093 and a 2.088 acre, more or less, portion of Parcel 094 from R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use) to CG (Commercial General) to allow for the development of a power sports retail store on proposed tract 1 and a business office on proposed tract 2. The entrance and exit to the proposed commercial parcels will be located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East. The Planning Staff recommends approval of this rezoning application. A Public Hearing will be held at the March 26, 2024 Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.7774/ per gal approved on March 1, 2024. Commissioner Baggett

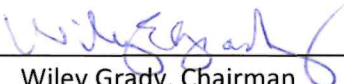
seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to accept the bid from Coastal Plains for \$64,315.00 for Road Chemical Spraying. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to go into Executive Closed Session (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. (9:12 a.m.)

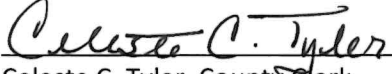
The Board returned to the Regular Session of the meeting at 10:03 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Wiley Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk