

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 11, 2025

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:

Mark NeSmith, Chairman Dist. 4

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1

Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3

Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Donnie L. Baggett, Vice-Chair Dist. 5

Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (absent)

Wiley Grady, Dist. 6

Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Elections and Registration Director Frank Scoggins, Transit Director Corey McGee, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

News/Media present: Jill Holloway

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order, and Corey McGee gave the invocation.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Board Meeting. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Ken Gay who made the recommendation to approve the Final Plat for Pecan Farms Phase II. He stated that all of the necessary requirements have been met.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the final plat for Pecan Farms Phase II. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith referenced the Resolution in the agenda packet that will authorize a referendum to impose a county one percent Flexible Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST).

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing a referendum to impose a county one percent Flexible Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). He expressed appreciation to the Commissioners, the County Manager, the County Clerk, and the County Attorney for continuing to pursue the things that are beneficial to the citizens of Thomas County and in this case, expeditiously. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion and echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Hickey. Chairman NeSmith, Commissioner Brown, and County Manager Stephenson also spoke favorably with County Manager Stephenson also thanking the small-town mayors and councils of

Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Open Meeting to Citizens: none

Committee Reports

Chairman NeSmith recognized County Manager Stephenson who stated that the quarterly hotel/motel tax disbursement will go directly to the Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority (DTTA) instead of via the City of Thomasville. He also added that he plans on attending the Grady County Board of Commissioners public hearing on FLOST.

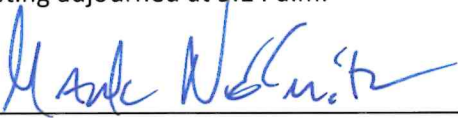
Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to award the bid to ACTS Air Condition Technology for the replacement of a 7.5 ton a/c system at the Carlton Powell Complex for \$20,170.00. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Grady who announced that the Emergency Services Meeting will be held on February 18th at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who announced that the Public Property Meeting will be held on February 19th at 4:00 p.m. at the Animal Shelter.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who announced that the Public Works Meeting will be held on February 12th at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Grady, Hickey, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.



Mark NeSmith, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste Tyler, County Clerk