

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
June 9, 2026

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, District 4, Chairman	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1 Absent	Moses Gross, District 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Zippy Vonier, District 8
Phillip V. Brown, District 7	

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent Nisha Thurman, Public Works Director Jay Knight,

Others Present: Jennifer Fabri, Southern Circuit Accountability Court and Brandon Kearce

News/Media Present: None

Chairman Nesmith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and offered the invocation.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, Board meeting as presented. Commissioner Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vonier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to approve the agenda of the June 9, 2026, Board meeting. Commissioner Baggett made the motion. Commissioner Hickey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Special Called Meeting, as presented. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting to Citizens

Chairman NeSmith recognized Ms. Candee Henderson, 1453 S. Egg and Butter Road, Thomasville, Georgia 31757. Ms. Henderson expressed her condolences to the Board regarding the passing of Commissioner Grady and Elections Supervisor Frank Scoggins earlier this year. Chairman NeSmith thanked Ms. Henderson for her thoughtful remarks.

Board Appointment:

Chairman NeSmith recognized County Clerk Tracy Dukes, who informed the Board that the reappointment of Charlene Bond Hampton to the Thomas County Library Board would constitute her third term of service on the Board. Ms. Dukes also noted that one vacancy

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remains on the Library Board and that the position continues to be advertised on the County Website.

Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to reappoint Charlene Bond Hampton to the Thomas County Library Board for a third term, with the term expiring June 30, 2029. Commissioner Brown made the motion. Commissioner Baggett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Jennifer Fabbri, Program Director for the Southern Circuit Accountability Courts and Brandon Kearce. Ms. Fabbri announced that she received the FY27 grant award for the Thomas County Accountability Court. The FY27 Budget includes a total cash match from the County of \$16,989. Ms. Fabri and Mr. Kearce both discussed the success of the program and added that there have been 21 graduates since the program started in 2022. Graduations are at staggered rates. The program averages 2 years in length. Chairman NeSmith thanked Ms. Fabri for her dedication to the program.

Reports:

County Manager Michael Stephenson presented the Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Report and provided Commissioners with a handout summarizing key findings. Highlights of the report included the recommended employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll, the plan's funding ratio of 104.3%, historical trends in plan performance and asset values, and projected future plan assets. Mr. Stephenson recommended that the Board meet with the ACCG account representative to review the report results and discuss the plan's status and projections.

County Attorney Bruce Warren provided an update regarding the special election to fill the Mr. Grady's vacancy on the Board. Mr. Warren reported that the election notice would be published in the newspaper within the following week. He further reported that the candidate qualifying period would begin in July and conclude on August 5, 2026. Mr. Warren also advised that he would meet with Interim Election Supervisor Hannah Phillips to coordinate the necessary procedures and establish the timeline for the special election.

Mr. Warren also commented on the Hendry Cemetery Road property. He stated he had to revise the deed, and Mr. John Griffin has signed it, but it has not been recorded.

Purchasing:

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from sole bidder, Petroleum Products, for \$4.39 per gallon on May 11, 2026. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of regular unleaded fuel for \$3.338/gallon and diesel fuel for \$3.985 from sole bidder, Petroleum Products, on June 2, 2026. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to Delta Landscape Supply of Georgia for Hydroseeding Materials, per line item as needed, 6-month bid. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to sole bidder, Delta Landscape Supply for Woven Geotextiles, per line item as needed, 6-month bid. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the award to sole bidder, Martin Marietta Materials for Aggregate Rock, per line item as needed, 6-month bid. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to sole bidder, Concrete Enterprises for Ready Mix Portland Cement Concrete, per line item as needed. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to Foley Products for Concrete Drainage Pipe, stock pipe on Public Works Yard, for \$107,811.11 . Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to Peek Pavement Marking LLC for Traffic Striping 2026, for \$141,600. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to The Scruggs Company for resurfacing 2026, for \$2,201,949.60. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to sole bidder, Nashville Automotive LLC, for 3 pickup trucks for Public Works, for a total price of \$129,000. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to multiple vendors, as presented, for Janitorial Supplies. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to multiple vendors, as presented, for Office Supplies. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid award to sole vendor, Point Security, Inc., for an x-ray inspection system at the Judicial Center for \$31,530. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the Service and Maintenance Agreements with Focus Communication Solutions and Georgia-Florida Security and Fire for the Judicial Center and the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman NeSmith reminded the Board of the next Emergency Services Meeting on June 16, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Hickey reminded the Board of the next Public Works Meeting on June 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman NeSmith made a motion to enter into closed Executive Session. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (9:55 a.m.)

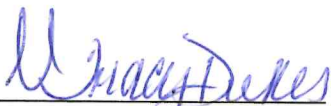
The Board returned to Regular Session (11:00 a.m.), no action was taken.

Commissioner NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.



Mark NeSmith, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tracy Dukes, County Clerk