

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 11, 2020

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:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7	Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Elections and Registration Director Frank Scoggins, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

Media Present: Chris Hurst, WPAX

Others Present: Shelley Zorn PDA Executive Director, Andrea Collins, Executive Director Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Linda Solano and Edward Vonier Board of Elections

Chairman Brown opened the meeting and Commissioner Jeremy Rich gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting
- Update given on the Business Community and Economic Development including existing projects, existing industry expansions, and new projects landed (Shelley Zorn and Andrea Collins)
- Report given on the new voting system including statistics on active voters, absentee by mail, and advance in person; comparison of the 2016 Primary and the 2020 Primary for each precinct was also given
- Reviewed preliminary request for Re-Zoning application 20-8-1 from Kelstone, Inc. on property located on Southridge Road Map 72, Parcel 51 from R-2 (Residential) to Ag (Agriculture); which would allow owner to construct a produce stand and sell produce grown on this property
- Reviewed preliminary request for a conditional use application 20-8-2 from John Wheeler on property located on Ga. Hwy. 122 Map 45, Parcel 62 from CG (Commercial General) to CG C.U. (Commercial General, Conditional Use to allow for storage of recreational vehicles, boats, and special equipment
- Ratified property deed transfer to the City of Ochlocknee for proposed water tower
- Ratified diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$1.31588 per gal. on August 7, 2020
- Ratified purchase of Software, Server, & Professional Services from Safe Fleet, COBAN Technologies for \$18,437.00
- Ratified purchase of Automated Biometric Identification System from Aware, Inc. for \$12,800 (budgeted) with the remaining balance of \$6,354.96 due in 2021
- Ratified purchase of (Four) Emergency Lighting/Decals from Dana Supply for \$67,121.00
- Ratified 9 Thomas Traction splints and 6 M.A.S.T. Trousers deemed as scrap
- Announced Emergency Services Committee Meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

- Announced Public Works Committee Meeting will be held on August 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.