

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
June 22, 2021

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7	Wiley 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, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX and Pat Donahue, Thomasville Times Enterprise

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

- Approved minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting
- Declared a Public Hearing
- Introduced Application 21-6-1 for rezoning for property located on U.S. Hwy. 19 South from Gerald Pionessa, Jr., agent for property owner, RCA, LLC. This property consists of 12.91 acres, more or less, and the request is to rezone a 6.8 acre, more or less, portion of this parcel from Industrial to MHP for the expansion for 31 proposed lots of the existing Manufactured Home Park known as Pinetree Place MHP located on Pinetree Boulevard. The portion of the subject parcel that is requesting to be rezoned adjoins the existing Manufactured Home Park that is located on Pinetree Boulevard.
- Introduced Application 21-6-2 for rezoning, applicant is Thomas Asbury, Jr., agent for the property owners, James R. Clanton, Jr., and Beverly Clanton Wilford for property located on Patterson Still Road (Map 45, Parcel 259) consisting of 44 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone this property from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-4 (Single Family Residential) CSD (Conservation Subdivision Development) which will allow for the development of a conservation subdivision development for single family residential detached homes. This will be a clustered development with reduced lot sizes. The developer is proposing this to be an active adult community.
- Approved rezoning application 21-6-1
- Approved rezoning application 21-6-2
- Approved and adopted a Resolution providing Sufficient Ad Valorem Taxation for the Thomas County School District Educational Sales Tax (E-SPLOST)
- Approved petition to name unnamed lane Cool Springs Lane
- Open Meeting: recognized Gloria Glass of Boston, Georgia who referenced her April 7, 2021 letter to Board of Commissioners requesting a resolution to ensure there's a procedural system in place to assist voters who are without the benefit of technology; she also stated fire safety concerns with the Elections & Registration Building.

- Open Meeting: recognized Shirley Jackson of Thomasville, Georgia, Audrey Linder of Thomasville, Georgia, and Nate Tyler of Thomasville, Georgia who asked for consideration of ARPA funds to be distributed to underserved populations and people of color who have suffered greatly during the pandemic. and non-profit organizations that focus on these populations. They also requested public meetings where non-traditional funding opportunities can be discussed.
- Open Meeting: recognized Al Bryan of Meigs, Georgia who updated the Board on the volunteer Tax Program; 391 tax returns completed with \$500,000.00 in returns realized
- Approved Premium Pay from the American Rescue Plan – Act of 2021 for Thomas County certified essential workers
- Authorized Chairman to sign documentation that declares essential worker status according to guidelines set forth by Homeland Security
- Ratified Collier Sand Lease Agreement
- Ratified approval to proceed with a Request For Proposal (RFP) for archery and walking trails at the Ranges at Oakfield
- Approved 2021 Budget Amendment 21-6-1 to include all roads in LMIG Project Report/stripping for \$178,000.
- Announced the Personnel Committee Meeting will be held on June 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- Announced Purchasing Committee Meeting will be held on July 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- Announced the Public Property Committee Meeting will be held on July 1, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.