

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 12, 2021

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 Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3 (absent)	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, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Insurance/Benefits Jessie Winkelmann, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst WPAX

Others Present: Ranger Todd Milam and Ranger Trey Ezell, Georgia Forestry Commission, John Taylor and Brittany Stephenson, Taylor Benefit Resource, and Donna Newberry

Chairman Brown opened the meeting and Commissioner Grady gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the September 28, 2021 meeting
- Received Annual Report from the Georgia Forestry Commission
- Approved one-day special event permit on 10/30/2021 at the Deep South Fairgrounds; fundraiser for the Devyn Newberry DN9 Scholarship Fund
- Authorized employees Tony Bodiford and/or Jay Knight to submit the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Pre-Application
- Adopted a Resolution for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Pre-Application including the commitment for a 37.5% match from Thomas County
- Discussed Employee Health Benefit Changes with the Annual Health Screening and the premium rate increase effective 1/1/2022
- Approved to enact a moratorium on accepting rezoning applications in the following land use standards districts in unincorporated Thomas County: R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, RM-11, R-87, and MHP
- Approved Budget Amendment 21-10-1 for establishing an Accountability Court
- Considered revising the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to include increase in broadband infrastructure investment
- Announced Public Property Committee Meeting on October 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.
