

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 22, 2022

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:

Mark NeSmith, Chairman, Dist. 4	Wiley Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	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, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

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

- Approved minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting
- Public Hearing declared for Application #22-2-1: Monte Ott, property owner, requests to rezone property located on Rena Ridge (Map 046G, Parcel 016) that consists of .53 of an acre from R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use) to CL C.U. (Commercial Limited, Conditional Use, Parking Lot.) If approved, this would allow for the vacant parcel to be used for overflow parking for the adjoining auto repair shop
- John Holt, attorney representing War Eagle Capital, LLC, and residents Joan Cox, Jerry Miller, and Sam Hudson spoke in opposition of the application
- Janice Lawhorn spoke in support of applicant, Monte Ott.
- Approved motion to table a decision on Application #22-2-1 for 30 days allowing applicant to meet with the Thomas County Zoning Department and present a plan that would address fencing, vegetative screening, no access off of Rena Road, and the number of vehicles allowed on the property
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg and Butter Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who encouraged the Board to commit to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035; recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Rd, Thomasville, GA who asked for an update on the upcoming ARPA Community Meetings that will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> and asked for flyers from the County; recognized Lucinda Brown of 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, GA who reiterated the need for funds for citizens in need of help that continue to be adversely effected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ratified approval for Emergency Services to apply for the Golden Triangle RC&D grant
- Ratified adoption of the new Thomas County Timber Harvesting Ordinance
- Announced Personnel Committee meeting on February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., Purchasing Committee meeting on March 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., and Public Property Committee on March 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.