

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
November 8, 2022

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, Chairman, Dist. 4	Wiley Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (absent)
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, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting and Commissioner Ken Hickey gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the October 25 2022 meeting
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman NeSmith recognized Ucher Dent of 408 Pine Street, Ochlocknee, Georgia who asked for support for the local Juneteenth celebration--the observance honoring the end slavery. As founder and organizer of the local chapter. Ms. Dent stated that the annual event has moved to the Deep South Fairgrounds due to its growth and invites all races to come and celebrate the enslaved people of America. Chairman NeSmith recognized Stephanie Dodson Dougherty, Board of Directors President, and Lauren Warburton, Field Services Director with the Thomasville-Thomas County Humane Society at 180 big Star Drive, Thomasville, Georgia. Ms. Dougherty expressed her continued support for the partnership between the Humane Society and the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Warburton conveyed her appreciation of the Board while working in Thomas County. Her last work day will be on Friday before heading to her new job in Leon County, Florida.
- Appointed Carla Defnall to the Library Board
- Introduced rezoning application 22-11-1 from William (Bill) Blackburn, Managing Member of Apache Holdings, LLC, to rezone property located on Liberty Street (Map 46F, Parcel 83 (1.747 acre portion, more or less, of a 7.05 acre, more or less parcel) and Parcel 83Q (5.9 acres, more or less.) The request is to rezone these properties from CG (Commercial General) to RM-APT to allow for an additional phase to the Grand Park apartment complex that is currently under construction. The proposed phase will consist of the construction of two buildings consisting of 80 apartments.
- Introduced rezoning application 22-11-2 from Chris West, Special Counsel, Teramore Development, LLC, to rezone 5.72 acres, more or less, of property located on Thomas County Map 54, Parcel 130. The request is to rezone a 5.72 acre portion of the property from CG (Commercial General) to AG (Agricultural.) The rezoning request would return to this 5.72 acre portion to the original zoning of Ag (Agricultural).
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments
- Announced the Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

- County Attorney Bruce Warren announced that a settlement in the National Opioid Lawsuit has been reached. The Thomas County initial abatement allocation payment for Year 1 is \$7,236.69
- Ratified diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$4.3887/gal on November 1, 2022
- Ratified fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$2.9417/gal on October 31, 2022
- Ratified bid award to Gulf Atlantic Culvert for Metal Drainage Pipe (\$24,531.12)
- Ratified bid award to H&S Supply Co., Inc. for Double Wall Polyethylene Pipe (\$10,403.17)
- Ratified approval to re-establish the collection of the impact fee (50%) for all categories beginning January 1, 1023
- Announced there will not be an Emergency Services Committee meeting in November
- Announced a Public Works Committee meeting on November 16, 2022, (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Historic Courthouse at 8:30 a.m.)
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.