

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
December 13, 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
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7 (absent)	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, E-911 Director Whitney Hopkins, Transit Director Corey McGee, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting, and Corey McGee gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman NeSmith recognized Mr. Chandler Giddes of 18938 GA Hwy 3, Thomasville, Georgia and Executive Director of the Thomasville – Thomas County Humane Society. Mr. Giddes expressed hope, although dwindling, that the County and the Humane Society can reach an agreement to remain in partnership. He stated that the Humane Society has far exceeded the contractual agreement, elevated animal services, been a positive impact on the community, and believes its value is well shown and documented. Chairman NeSmith recognized Mr. Colin Dougherty of 104 East Past-time Drive, Thomasville, Georgia a volunteer with the Thomasville-Thomas County Humane. Mr. Dougherty expressed the importance of continuing the three- decade old relationship with the County. He also stated the importance of animal euthanasia avoidance.
- Approved the 2023 Budget for all funds by Resolution
- Approved the 2023 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule
- Approved the 2023 Thomas County Holiday Schedule
- Approved request to remove insolvent records for mobile homes, real property, and personal property from the tax digest as presented by the Tax Commissioner
- Approved the 2023 Circuit Public Defender Contract
- Appointed Terry Ross to the Elections and Registration Board
- Re-appointed Len Powell to the Tax Assessor Board
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments
- Ratified bid award to Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics for Woven Geotextiles
- Ratified bid award to Martin Marietta for Aggregate Rock
- Ratified bid award to Delta Landscape for Hydroseeding Materials
- Ratified bid award to multiple vendors, as presented, for Public Works Warehouse Supplies
- Ratified bid award to multiple vendors, as presented, for Office Supplies
- Ratified bid award to multiple vendors, as presented, for Janitorial Supplies

- Announced there will be a Fleet Services Committee meeting on December 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Historic Courthouse
- Announced the cancellation of the Public Works Committee meeting previously scheduled for December 21, 2022on
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.