

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
May 10, 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 (absent)	Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Attorney Bruce Warren, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Capt. Steve Jones, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media Present: Chris Hurst, WPAX

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

- Approved minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting
- Adopted the 2022 Budget Amendment 22-5-1
- Reappointed Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree to the Region 8 Emergency Medical Services Council
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Lucinda Brown of 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, GA who expressed concern over complaints from two black women, a current and former Thomas County employee who allege racial bias and requested an investigation by the Board of Commissioners
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments, including a technical review to be conducted in approximately 2 weeks
- Declared property of former Merrillville voting precinct as surplus and will move forward with advertising and the sale of the property
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$4.7881/gal on 5/3/2022
- Ratified bid approval for the Pond Rehab project by Thrift Land Clearing for \$304,750.00
- Ratified bid approval for Engineering Services for Wade Chastain and Centennial Roads by Watkins Engineering for \$65,945.00
- Ratified bid approval for Concrete Drainage Pipe by Foley Products for stock pile
- Ratified bid approval for Ready Mix Portland Cement Concrete by Scruggs Concrete Co./annual bid; as needed
- Declared 2 zero-turn mowers as surplus and authorized staff to move forward with the sale of the equipment on GovDeals online auction
- Announced upcoming Emergency Services Committee meeting on May 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Public Works Committee meeting on May 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
- Went into Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:19 a.m.; returned to the regular meeting at 10:20 a.m.; no action taken

Adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.