

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
August 9, 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:

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| Mark NeSmith, Chairman, Dist. 4       | Wiley Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6 |
| Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent) | 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, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Transit Director Corey McGee, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

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

- Approved minutes from the July 26, 2022 meeting
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Rd, Thomasville, GA who inquired about the status of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding that is earmarked for individual households; recognized Bernard Cannon of 530 Old Cassidy Road, Thomasville, GA who asked for help in addressing the burned house across the road from his property
- Approved the 2022-2023 Transportation Service Provider Contract with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission/Department of Human Services
- Amended Alcohol and Drug Policy for Transit to include Thomas County employee, Mary Griffin, as the contact for Program Manager
- Introduced rezoning application #22-7-1. The submission from Steve Sykes, agent for property owner, Live Oak Avenues, LLC, is requesting to rezone property located on Hall Road and Hwy. 319 North located on Thomas County Map 045, Parcels 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137 portion consisting of 35.73 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone this property from Ag (Agricultural) R-2 (Residential, Single Family) and CG (Commercial General) to R-4 (Single Family Residential) for the development of a residential subdivision consisting of approximately 107 single family residential homes
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments
- Distributed 2022 Government Management Indicators (GOMI) survey from Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Ratified purchase of six vehicles; government contract from Wade Ford (1 F-250, 4 F-150, & 1 cargo van)
- Ratified approval to purchase a Brindlee Mountain Fire Engine for \$82,000
- Announced Emergency Services Committee meeting on August 15, 2022 will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Remington Avenue Fire Station
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.