

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 10, 2023

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	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, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Capt. Chuck McDonald, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

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

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

- Approved minutes from the December 22, 2022 meeting
- Elected Commissioner Zippy Vonier 2023 Chairman of the Board
- Elected Commissioner Donnie Baggett 2023 Vice Chairman of the Board
- Appointed Bruce Warren as 2023 County Attorney
- Recognized Olivia Tumlin, the new Family & Consumer Science Agent/ Univ. of GA Extension Agent
- Adopted the Georgia Official Code 31-19- as reference for controlling rabies
- Appointed Capt. Chuck McDonald (TCSO), Spencer Bowen (DPH Environmental Health Mgr.) and Chief Joseph Pettus (Boston Police Dept.) to the Thomas County Animal Control Board
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg and Butter Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who requested a resolution from Thomas County be adopted that would commit to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035; recognized Jeanette Dixon of 148 Cindy Dr. Thomasville, Georgia who commented that she was delighted with the amended Animal Control Ordinance but disheartened by the separation between the Humane Society and Thomas County and fears her chickens cannot be protected; recognized Judy Bradshaw of 314 Oak Trail, Thomasville, Georgia who spoke in favor of a continued relationship between the Humane Society and the County and referenced the valuable resources that the Humane Society provides; recognized James Herbert of 620 Marshall St. who expressed his concern with the new level of animal control service and spoke on a Rottweiler that keeps coming in his yard. When calling the Humane Society and E-911 he was told there was nothing they could do until the dog causes harm; recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who asked for procedures that are to be followed in regards to animal control; recognized Angela Baggett of 101 Point Rd., Thomasville, Georgia who pleaded with both organizations to get together, have a meeting of the minds and do what's best for the taxpayer and the County; and recognized Dawn Deleo of 220 Fontaine Dr., Thomasville, Georgia who asked for the Humane Society to be funded. As a

volunteer for two years with the organization, she has witnessed first hand the care and nurturing the Humane Society provides and showed before and after pictures depicting the transformation.

- Introduced application 23-1-1, Alicia Nicholson, applicant, spouse of property owner, has applied for a conditional use zoning for property located at 101 Paces Lane, Map 015A, Parcel 001 (.52 of an acre, more or less.) This property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential, Mixed Use.) The request is for a conditional use zoning to allow the property to be used as a family personal care home for up to six (6) people. If approved, the zoning of the property will be R-3 C.U. (Conditional Use, Family Personal Care Home up to six people.)
- Update given on Evergreen Brook Apartments
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$3.1350/per gal. on 12/14/ 2022
- Ratified approval of low bidder, Consolidated Pipe & Supply, for the water line materials for the Southside Station (\$10,576.25).
- Ratified approval to purchase engine replacement for 2012 Pierce Engine (Engine 8) from Action of Dothan for \$21,991.13 plus freight and remove and install the engine by DSI for \$7500.00
- Ratified approval to add curb & gutter and change parking lot to asphalt for the Southside Station
- Announced Emergency Services Committee meeting on January 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.