

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
July 25, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Zippy Vonier, Chairman, Dist. 8	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Wiley Grady, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

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

Others present: Rep. Darlene Taylor

Kathleen Bowen, Bill Twomey, and Martha Revelo from ACCG

Chairman Vonier opened the meeting, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting
- Approved the July 25, 2023 Agenda
- Rep. Darlene Taylor was presented the 2023 Legislative Service Award from ACCG representatives
- Declared a Public Hearing for rezoning application #23-7-1 by Joe Harvard, Sr., who is the agent for the property owners, Rosemary Coleman and Polly Hopkins. This property is located on Hall Road (Corner of Hall Road and the Bypass) and is located on Thomas County Map 045, Parcel 146 consisting of 20 acres, more or less. The request is to rezone this parcel from Ag (Agricultural) and R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-4 (Single Family Residential) to allow for the development of a residential subdivision for approximately 50 lots
- Approved Rezoning application #23-7-1
- Approved Final Plat Approval for Bloomfield Lakes Subdivision Phase I
- Set Tentative 2023 Millage Rate
- Adopted 2023 Budget Amendment 23-7-1 / Capital Improvement Fund/ for 2 Sanitation Trucks at \$235,000 each
- Appointed Sandra Hayes to the Thomas County Public Library Board (1<sup>st</sup> term; small town)
- Approved amendment to the Thomas County Driveway Installation Policy
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Vonier recognized Ucher Dent of 4084 Pine Street, Ochlocknee, Georgia who spoke on the local Juneteenth Freedom Event and expressed disappointment on the lack of participation from the County Commissioners. As founder and organizer of the local chapter. Ms. Dent stated that the event was moved to the Deep South Fairgrounds due to its growth and was a huge success. She asked for future support of the Juneteenth celebration, and announced the date for next year's event as June 22, 2024. Chairman Vonier recognized Lucinda Brown of 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia who continued requesting Thomas County to hire a Human Resource Manager who would ensure employees are treated fairly. She also questioned public awareness on zoning and rezoning issues

- Ratified purchase of 2 hook lift trucks for the Sanitation Department (\$235.00 each truck)
- Approved recommendation to clear cut trees at the Riverwood Sanitation Site and add the approximate 12 acres to the bid awarded to South Georgia Forest Management, LLC.
- Declared vehicles surplus as presented by the Fleet Services Director and authorized the sell of vehicles on GovDeals online auction
- Announced the Purchasing Committee Meeting will be held on August 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
- Announced the Public Property Committee Meeting will be held on August 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
- Introduced Mr. Paul Fryer as the new field representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.