

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 24, 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 Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Retirement/Benefits Jessie Winkelmann, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

Others present: John Taylor and Brittany Stephenson, Taylor Benefit Resource

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

- Approved minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting
- Approved the October 24, 2023 agenda
- Approved Special Event permit requests from Master National Retriever Club
- Approved amending Health Benefit Plan Option 3 which allows Taylor Benefit Resource as secondary coverage when an employee turns 65 and Medicare becomes their primary provider
- Approved renewal of Western Skies as the reinsurance carrier for the county
- Highlighted the WPAX interview with Chris Hurst regarding the SPLOST Referendum
- Ratified the diesel fuel purchase for \$3.2997/gal from Petroleum Products on 10/17/2023
- Authorized the submission of an application for the annual Georgia Trauma Grant for \$8,198.45
- Declared 2 ambulances as surplus and authorized their sale on GovDeals online auction
- Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.