

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 13, 2024

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:

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

Staff present: County Attorney Bruce Warren, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Transit Director Corey McGee, Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester, Tax Assessor Daniel Stokes, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

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

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

- Approved minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting
- Approved the August 13, 2024 Agenda
- Thomas County School Tax concern and complaint of the Open Meeting Act for its August 7 Board of Education meeting was presented by Mark Stanley
- Set 2024 Millage Rate
- Approved TCAT DHS Transportation Service Provider Contract FY2025
- Approved Package Beer & Wine License for Jayminkumar P. Patel, Yug Shakti, LLC dba Gas and Grill located at 12216 US Hwy 84 East
- Approved Final Plat for Bloomfield Lakes Subdivision Phase 1
- Open Meeting to the Citizens: Chairman Grady recognized Jodie Tyson of 215 Crowley Spur Road, Thomasville, Georgia, and her mother LaJaun Ansley of 211 Crowley Spur Road. Both ladies attended the August 7, 2024 school board Public Hearing and expressed concern with a millage rate increase-- especially for citizens on a fixed income and while the economy is in shambles. They were the only citizens there and noted that none of the school board members were present. Chairman Grady recognized Shirley Jackson of 727 Crowley Road, Thomasville, Georgia who inquired as to where in Georgia law does it state that the county approves the school board millage rate. Chairman Grady recognized Angie Durham of 155 Avalon Way, Thomasville, Georgia who also spoke of concern of the "illegal" August 7, 2024 School Board meeting and thanked the Board for listening and educating her on some things in the overall process.
- Introduced rezoning Application #24-8-1 Jim Rech, Blue Sky Towers IV, LLC, agent for the property owner, The Ray and Jeanette Luke Family Trust, has applied for a conditional use zoning. The property is located on Ga. Hwy. 202, (Map 042, Parcel 024) consisting of 452.85 acres, more or less, and is zoned AG (Agricultural.) The request is for a conditional use to allow for the installation of a cell tower 199 feet in height to be located on a 100' x 100' leased area portion of the subject property.
- Introduced rezoning Application #24-8-2 Sydney Poe, Gen 7 Engineering, LLC, agent for the property owners, Johnny Jean Johnson, D. Joiner, and R.T. Godfrey has applied for a conditional use zoning.

The property is located on N. Pinetree Blvd., known as Gemini Mobile Home Park (Map 055, Parcel 040) consisting of 10.82 acres, more or less, and is zoned MHP (Manufactured Home Park.) The request is for a conditional use to allow for the installation of a cell tower 112 feet in height to be located on a 75' x 75' leased area portion of the subject property.

- Ratified diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$2.4891/gal on July 31, 2024
- Approved bid award for 18 sets of Turn-out Gear for a total of \$82,008 (several vendors)
- Approved 2024 Budget Amendment 24-8-1 / Unincorporated Fund
- Approved bid award to NACARATO Truck Center for a 2024 Commercial Roll-off Refuse Truck (\$208,945.00)
- Approved bid award to Norton Timber for Timber Sale on Boat Ramp Rd.
- Approved bid award to Peek Pavement for Traffic Striping for \$247,250.00
- Approved bid award to Stallings Motors for a 2024 Ram 1500 4x4 Crew cab V8 for \$43,676.00 – Code Enforcement
- Approved bid award to Lang Mechanical for a Heating-HVAC unit for the Five Forks Volunteer Fire Station (\$8,750.00)
- Went into Closed Executive Session; returned to Regular Board Meeting; No action taken
- Adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.