

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 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, Dist. 6, Chairman	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, Dist. 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)	Moses Gross, Dist. 2 (absent)
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	Zippy Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Fleet Services Director Jamie Parrott, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester, Transit Director Corey McGee, Tax Assessor Daniel Stokes, Capt. Jerome Burgess, Capt. Steve Jones, Sheriff Carlton Powell, 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 January 23, 2024 meeting
- Approved the February 13, 2024 Agenda
- Recognized Sheriff Carlton Powell for his 60 years of service working in Thomas County with 48 years as Sheriff.
- Unveiled a picture on display of the new R. Carlton Powell Public Safety Complex, named in the Sheriff's honor.
- Approved a special event request, the 2nd Annual Polo Classic, benefiting non-profit 501c3 Pebble Hill Preservation Fund. (applicants: Lori Everett with Pebble Hill and JoAnne Maltese with Hubs & Hops
- Adopted the 2024 Proposed Budget Capital Projects Fund / 2017 SPLOST
- Ratified the 2023 End of Year Budget Amendment 24-21-1
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Grady recognized Candee Henderson of 1453 Egg and Butter Road, Thomasville, Georgia who continued to ask the Board to consider committing to the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. She specifically asked for the County to gradually begin reducing its fleet from fuel to electric or at the very least hybrid. She gave an overview of the carbon footprint and referenced giga tons (billions) amount of fossil fuels that are already available. Chairman Grady recognized Nate Tyler, President of the local NAACP, who requested a meeting with commissioners to discuss the drug squad and chase policies within the Thomas County Sheriff's Department. Chairman Grady recognized Woodward Parker and Chance Trammell of 7 Sunny Lane Ochlocknee, GA and 72 Sunny Lane, Ochlocknee, GA respectively. They asked for help dealing with the recklessness of the young men who are racing/speeding down the road, primarily Friday through Sunday at all hours of the day and night
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.752/per gal. on January 23, 2024
- Ratified purchase of diesel fuel for \$3.019/per gal. and unleaded fuel for \$2.6144/per gal. from Petroleum Products on February 13, 2024

- Ratified decision to cancel Purchase Order # 99233 for F150 Pick-up truck from Wade Ford, Inc
- Ratified authorization to purchase new engine for Unit 13-242 / a 2014 Mack dump truck from Cummins for \$25,350.98
- Ratified bid approval for 2024 Road Resurfacing from Reames and Sons for \$1,598,150.20
- Went into closed session for legal purposes
- Approved to adopt a \$22 Booking Fee and a \$50 per day inmate housing per diem at the jail effective March 15, 2024
- Received an update on ARPA funds for Individual Households from Sharon Edwards, Director of Community Outreach Training Center
- Adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.