

Summary Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
June 25, 2024

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:

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

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio

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

- Approved minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting
- Approved the June 25, 2024 Agenda
- Declared Public Hearing for rezoning application #24-6-1. Gordon D. Hardy, Managing Member of Centerville Partners, LLC, agent for the property owner, Elizabeth Powell Flowers, has filed an application for a zoning change. The subject property is located on South Pinetree Boulevard (Map 046, Parcel 119 consisting of 14.12 acres, more or less.) The request is to rezone the subject property from AG (Agricultural) to R-2 (Residential, Single Family) to allow for the development of a residential subdivision consisting of approximately 18 lots. Richard Singletary spoke on behalf of the project.
- Opposition: Chairman Grady recognized: Matt Delarber of 114 Kings Forest Drive, Thomasville, Georgia; Kevin Taylor of 2410 Old Monticello Road, Thomasville, Georgia; and Ian Quinton of 111 East Club Drive, Thomasville, Georgia. None expressed strong opposition but highlighted areas of concern which included: retention pond and maintenance, lot size (preferably 1 acre), a buffer, and access to Pinetree Boulevard.
- Closed Public Hearing (6:19 p.m.)
- Approved rezoning application #24-6-1
- Approved matching grant funds of \$12,339 as requested by the Southern Circuit Accountability Court
- Approved preliminary plat for Phase II Pecan Farms Subdivision located between Springhill Road and U.S. Hwy. 319 South (Map 68, Parcel 17) consisting of seven (7), one (1.0) acre tracts, zone R-1, single-family residential
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Wiley Grady recognized: Carol Burges of 725 N. Mitchell St. Thomasville, Georgia; Jeanette Dixon of 148 Cindy Drive, Thomasville, Georgia; Libbianne Barnes 315 Palmetto Drive, Thomasville, Georgia; Dawn Brown of 311 Palmetto Drive, Thomasville, Georgia; Susan Lauer of 201 Edgewood Drive, Thomasville, Georgia; and Christopher Linton of 324 Clay Street, Thomasville, Georgia. All spoke on concerns of animal control/services. Topics included: roaming dogs killing cats and chickens, implementation of stiff fines to owners, ordinance changes, animal cruelty, Pitbull attacks, fears of elderly and children, and dogs running

in packs. Chairman Wiley Grady recognized: Michelle Shiver of 300 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; John Warren of 480 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; Cindy Watson of 430 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; Homer McCorvey of 462 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; Jennifer Howe of 461 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; Douglas Williams of 247 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia; and Travis Smith of 311 Hendry Cemetery Road, Ochlocknee, Georgia. All spoke in favor of paving Hendry Cemetery Road.

- Approved the 2023 Annual Financial Report as presented by Lanigan & Associates
- Ratified approval to pay the 2023 Financial Audit final invoice to Lanigan & Associates for \$10,000.00
- Ratified purchase of transmission for John Deere front-end loader (Unit 537) from Dobbs Equipment for \$50,000
- Approved proceeding with preparation of deeds and signatures by property owners for the paving of Eddings Road
- Announced the next Public Property Committee Meeting will be held on July 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
- Entered into closed Executive Session (6:52 p.m.)
- Returned to the Regular Session meeting (7:11 p.m.); no action taken
- Adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.