

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
December 23, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a Commemorative Bicentennial Meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

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

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman, Chief Appraiser Daniel Stokes, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Facilities Management Director Johnnie Clark.

Others Present: Representative Darlene Taylor, Paul Fryer Field Representative Sanford Bishop's Office, Ephraim Rotter Thomasville History Center

News/Media Present: Jill Holloway, Thomasville Times Enterprise, Chris Hurst WPAX Radio

- Ransom Young reenacted the December 23, 1825, Act of the General Assembly establishing Thomas County.
- Ransom Young introduced the current Thomas County Board of Commissioners.
- Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.
- Kevin Lamb, Chaplain, delivered the invocation.
- The Thomasville History Center presented a 30-minute video highlighting the history of Thomas County from 1825 to the present.
- Representative Darlene Taylor presented the Board of Commissioners with a resolution celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of Thomas County.
- Paul Fryer, representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop, presented a letter from Congressman Bishop to the Board of Commissioners commemorating 200 years of Thomas County.
- Approved the December 9, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes.
- Approved the December 23, 2025, Board of Commissioners Agenda
- Adopt resolution designating December 23, 2025, as the official Bicentennial date of Thomas County, GA
- Ratified resolution requesting local legislation to provide for the imposition of technology fees by the Probate Court of Thomas County
- Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.