

Summary Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 28, 2025

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:

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

Staff present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Fire Chief Chris Jones, Street to Station Instr. Derek Knight, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler

Others present: Bro. Clay Phillips, Rose City Church of Christ
Paul Fryer, Congressman Sanford Bishop's Office
Judge Matt Shiner, Magistrate Court
Amy Carter, Southern Regional Technical College

Media present: none

Chairman NeSmith opened the meeting, and Bro. Clay Phillips gave the invocation

- Approved minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting
- Approved the January 28, 2025 Agenda
- Held "pinning" ceremony for the 2024 Street to Station class
- Approved request for a special event alcohol permit on February 8, 2025 to serve beer and wine at the 7th annual Thomasville Clay Road Classic held at Pebble Hill
- Approved the 2025 Financial Authorization Resolution
- Approved the 2024 Final Budget Amendments
- Open Meeting to Citizens: Chairman Nesmith recognized Nathaniel Tyler of 125 Leslie Street, Thomasville, Georgia who was in representation of the NAACP. He asked for three things for the Commissioners to take under consideration: 1) contractual agreement of the Drug Squad, 2) Live Streaming of the Board of Commissioners' meetings, and 3) hiring a Human Services Director. Chairman NeSmith recognized Magistrate Court Judge Matt Shiner who introduced himself to the Board. He also expressed that he is looking forward to a good working relationship with the Commissioners. Commissioner Rich recognized Coolidge's new City Manager, Lonnie Adamson.
- Announced the upcoming meetings: Purchasing on February 4th at 4:00 p.m., Public Property on February 6th at 8:30 a.m. and Public Works on February 12th at 8:30 a.m.
- Ratified allocation of Hansell Chastain Rd., Horseshoe Circle, and Lower Cairo Rd. to the 2025 LMIG resurfacing list
- Approved Budget Amendment 25-1-1 which reflects the 2025 LMIG project (Hansell Chastain Rd., Horseshoe Circle, Lower Cairo Rd., and Contingencies) be funded by the 2017 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund
- Ratified requirement for a \$10,000 Maintenance Warranty Bond on Pecan Farms Phase II for permanent grassing

- Ratified declaration of surplus and authorized sale on GovDeals.com auction site
- Approved the payment of invoices to GMC Monitoring (\$211,195.53) and Crowder Gulf (\$370,721.13) for Hurricane Helene debris monitoring and removal. 100% reimbursable by FEMA
- Adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.