

Action Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Broad St  
January 27, 2026

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, District 4, Chairman  
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1  
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3  
Phillip V. Brown, District 7

Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5  
Moses Gross, District 2 -  
Wiley Grady, District 6  
Zippy Vonier, District 8

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Fire Chief Chris Jones, Clint Chastain.

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rich offered the invocation.

- Approved minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting
- Approved minutes from the January 20, 2026, special called meeting
- Approved January 27, 2026, agenda with a motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Vonier to move the pinning ceremony to the end of the meeting.
- Paul Fryer from Congressman Bishop's Office presented a Proclamation to the Board of Commissioners recognizing Thomas County's Bicentennial.
- Ratified the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.235/gallon on January 13, 2026
- Ratified the motion to appoint and authorize County Manager Michael Stephenson and Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman to sign vehicle titles upon the sale of a vehicle.
- Announced next Purchasing Committee Meeting February 3, 2026
- Announced the Public Property Committee Meeting has been moved from February 5, 2026, to February 11, 2026
- Held Pinning Ceremony for the 2025 Street to Station Class
- Adjourned at 6:21 p.m.