

Action Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Broad St
March 24, 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	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1	Moses Gross, District 2 -
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, Purchasing Agent/Deputy Clerk Nisha Thurman, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Public Works Director Jay Knight.

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioner Rich offered the invocation.

- Approved March 10, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
- Approved March 24, 2026, Board of Commissioners Agenda
- Approved the declaration of office furniture as surplus and authorized its transfer to the City of Pavo.
- Declared public hearing
- Introduced application # 26-3-1 Shemika Lucas and Ivory Lucas, III, property owners, have filed an application for a zoning change. The subject properties are located on U.S. Highway 319 North identified on Thomas County Tax Map 045, Parcel 152 (3.09 acres, more or less, portion that is zoned as AG (Agricultural) of 5.29 acres, more or less) and Dillon Road identified on Thomas County Tax Map 045, Parcel 041L (.18 of an acre, more or less, portion zoned as AG (Agricultural) of a .21 of an acre, more or less.) Parcel 041L consists of a 30-foot-wide driveway. The remaining portions of the subject parcels are zoned as CG (Commercial General.) The request is to rezone the AG (Agricultural) portions of the subject properties to CG (Commercial General) to allow for the use and construction of an event center.
- Approved rezoning application #26-3-1
- Approved declaring items (Unit #138 and #537) as surplus and authorized their sale via GovDeals online auction.
- Ratified to declare the condemnation of 0.174 acres for right-of-way on Hendry Cemetery Road (Owner: John Thomas Griffin).
- Announced the next Purchasing Meeting for April 7, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
- Announced the next Public Property Meeting for April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
- Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.