

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
June 21, 2016**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Commissioners Horton, Heiney, Baker, and Thrash, County Administrator Zellner and County Attorney Mayfield. County Clerk Davidson was absent for the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Bennie Horton gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Chairman Glass recessed for a Public Hearing regarding Special Exception 2016-02- Scott Knight to rezone approximately 9 acres from A-R to C2.

IV. Reconvene Regular Agenda

Chairman Glass reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:21 p.m.

III. Minutes Approval

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the minutes as follows. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Workshop Meeting-May 12th, 2016
2. Public Hearing Meeting-May 17th, 2016
3. Regular Business Meeting-May 17th, 2016
4. Special Called Meeting-June 1st, 2016
5. Special Called Meeting-June 3rd, 2016

IV. Board Appointments

1. Lamar County Division of Family and Children Services

Commissioner Horton made a motion to re-appoint Robert Taylor and Audrey Smith to the Lamar County Division of Family and Children Services Board for a term of four years. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Lamar County Board of Appeals

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to replace Mr. Tom Milligan, who has been ill, and appoint Frankie Holland in his place to the Lamar County Board of Appeals for a term of three years. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Resolution 2016-09-Re-zoning App # 2016-02 by Scott Knight to rezone approximately 9 acres from A-R to C2.

Building and Zoning Director Gunter read Resolution 2016-09. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-09 Re-zoning App # 2016-02 by Scott Knight to rezone approximately 9 acres from A-R to C2 with conditions. Resolution 2016-09 was amended to include a 200 foot green buffer centered on the house across Martin Dairy Road be established to reach a height of at least six feet within three years and that the driveways be placed so as to be the least disruptive to the neighbors. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Personnel Policy –Family Medical Leave Act (FLMA)

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the second reading of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 993 (FLMA) for the purpose of complying with the (FMLA) in accordance with the applicable statutes, regulations, and Department of Labor Guidelines (FMLA Statutes). This will be added to the personal policy as an appendix and referenced as Exhibit “A”. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Three Rivers Regional Commission and the 2017 Department of Transportation Contract

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the renewal contract for the 2017 Public Transportation Program with the Department of Transportation (DOT). The appropriation of \$5,250.00 will be for the purpose of providing public transportation services within the county for the FY 2017 contract year. These services include medical, social, and nutrition. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Towaliga Circuit Budget

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the Towaliga Circuit Budget for a total of \$937,591.11. Lamar County’s portion for the year will be \$197,955.26. Lamar County’s portion for The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) amount is \$20,000.00 and the Accountability Court amount is \$35,746.00. The total amount for Lamar County’s portion including the Towaliga Circuit, the CASA and the Accountability Court is \$253,701.26. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Public Comments

Al Adamson with Main Street Advisors Insurance addressed the board with a complaint. Mr. Adamson stated that he had been the Insurance Agent for the county for the past five years. He said back in April the board decided to award the county Health Insurance Agent contract to a firm out of Cobb County based on a proposal and presentation that they, without quotes, made to the board stating that they could give the county a better rate and better service. Mr. Adamson said that he was allowed to come to a meeting in May and that the board allowed him to run quotes on Health Insurance renewals as of July 1st. Mr. Adamson stated that on June 1st there was a Special Called meeting and at that meeting ShawHankins, the broker out of Cobb County, submitted their Health Insurance proposal. Mr. Adamson stated that their rates were one percent higher, which is about \$8,000.00 higher than the current Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal option which you had sitting on your desk back in April. Mr. Adamson said, "At that time, I made my formal proposal and my rates were one percent less than that current renewal." Mr. Adamson said, "That two percent comes out to be about \$15,000.00 to \$17,000.00 cheaper. At the end of my proposal, ShawHankins then turns around and says they will match my offer. I personally have a problem with that. We both made formal proposals and this board allowed an out of town broker to match my rates." Mr. Adamson went on to say, "In the decision meeting on June 3rd, you went with a combination of my proposal, his proposal and my advice on how to modify his proposal, and took my rates and handed them out to an outside broker." Mr. Adamson stated that he had a problem with this. Mr. Adamson said, "I don't think it is very supportive of local businesses and I want to bring that to the public's attention."

X. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner gave a report to the board as follows.

1. Showed pictures of the resurfacing project that has been completed.
Reported that there were three sections of Silver Dollar Road, Abbott Road, Wilmot Road, Fredonia Church Road and the Bypass. We received from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) the LMIG Grant for \$282,611.04. We estimated that it would cost around \$650,316.00 dollars. We put it out to bid and the low bid was \$566,612.00. We were invoiced for the paving and the striping for a total cost of \$468,500.00. We were under budget by an amount of \$163,815.00. We were under bid \$80,112.00. We will only have to spend, out of SPLOST, \$203,889.00.
2. Gave a list of possible roads for next years' resurfacing using LMIG funds. These will all be Triple Treat.
 - Berry Road
 - Carrol Lane
 - Cane Circle
 - Short Road
 - Cannafax Road
 - Heather Wood Lane
 - McClean Road

- Heavy Road
- Peacock Road
- Rogers Circle
- Shadowmore Drive
- Shawney Trail
- Williams Road
- Bucksnot Road
- Crane Road
- Willis Road

3. Reported that 41.67 percent of the year had been completed and have collected 21.08 percent of the budget and we have spent 40 percent of the budget. We are in line with the percentage of the year. We have collected 1.9 million dollars and have spent 3.7 million dollars. Reported that 2.1 million has been borrowed from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

XI. Round Table

Commissioner Horton reported that he had a break in at his place of business and commended the Law Enforcement in Lamar County and all over the nation.

Vice-Chairman Thrash reported that the ACCG legislative sessions are off and running and that she has already attended to committee meetings and there is a very hefty legislative session planned for this year. Vice-Chairman Thrash thanked the board for their engagement with the legislature.

Commissioner Heiney stated that we have an out of control Federal Government and our last line of defense for our liberty and our freedom is our legislators. Commissioner Heiney thanked Vice-Chairman Thrash for volunteering to work with the legislature because it is extremely important.

Chairman Glass reported that there had been a ramble here in Lamar County a few weeks ago and there were 370 signed up for this. It put the community in a good light and we had very good feedback. Chairman Glass thanked everyone who was involved in this. Chairman Glass congratulated the 6U girls' softball team and shared the fact that they are the State Champions and will be competing in the World Series in Perry, Georgia starting on July 29, 2016.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Heiney made a motion adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Attest: _____

Robert Zellner, County Administrator