

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
May 17th, 2016

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

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. Reverend Ken English gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Vice-Chairman Nancy Thrash made a motion to amend the agenda to move item 12 to item 5 for the Interim Fire Chief. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Interim Fire Chief

Chairman Glass announced that the Board of Commissioners had approved for Douglas Matthews to be the Interim Fire Chief for Lamar County. Chairman Glass stated that Mr. Matthews has worked with the Lamar County Fire Department for 12 years and appreciated his years of service. Chairman Glass announced that the position of Fire Chief would be decided on by the end of the year. Chairman Glass said that he sends prayers for former Chief Steve Andrews because of his illness.

V. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve 4 sets of minutes as follows. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1) Workshop Meeting-April 14th, 2016
- 2) Public Hearing Meeting-April 19th, 2016
- 3) Regular Business Meeting-April 27th, 2016
- 4) Special Called Meeting-April 27th, 2016

VI. Special Exception 2016-01-Drug and Alcohol Rehab Facility

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to accept the withdrawal of Special Exception 2016-01-Drug and Alcohol Rehab Facility on Oakdale Drive that was tabled at the April Regular

Business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Resolution 2016-08-Rezoning App# 2016-01 by Linda Butler Rainey to rezone approximately 5.7e acres from A-R (Agricultural Residential) to 01 (Office Residential)

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Re-zoning App#2016 by Linda Butler Rainey to rezone approximately 55.7e acres from A-R (Agricultural Residential) to 01 (Office Residential). Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2016 LMIG Project Bid Approval

County Administrator Zellner reported that the bids for the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project were opened at 3:00 p.m. on May 13th, 2016. The LMIG projects bids were reviewed by Administrator Zellner and Public Works Director James Rigdon. County Administrator Zellner reported that the LMIG money received was \$282,611.00 and can be used to pave a portion of the roads and additional funds from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) can be used so that they can pave all of the designated roads on the LMIG list.

County Administrator Zellner explained that the board could vote to approve the paving of only a portion of the roads that the LMIG money would cover or they could vote to approve all of the roads to be paved using both the LMIG money and funds from SPLOST.

The project bid to pave 5.77 miles of roadway includes the following roads.

- Silver Dollar Road-Liberty Hill to Weldon Lake-Phase 1
- Silver Dollar Road-House #347 to Liberty Hill-Phase II
- Silver Dollar Road-Hwy 7 to House #347-Phase III
- Wilmot Road
- Fredonia Church Road
- Abbott Road

The bids for the above project:

1. Blount Construction \$754,628.00
2. CW Matthews \$710,038.98
3. Georgia Asphalt \$540,339.80

The project bid to pave an additional road due to location.

- By Pass Road-End of Abbott to Upson County

The bids for the above project:

1. Blount Construction \$36,635.00
2. CW Matthews \$38,455.86
3. Georgia Asphalt \$26,273.17

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve all of the roads on the LMIG list as stated above awarding the low bid to Georgia Asphalt for a cost of \$566,612.97. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

IX. Board of Appeals

Chairman Glass stated that the Board of Appeals has a vacant opening. Vice-Chairman Thrash said that she had a possible candidate for this position and wanted to table this appointment until she could speak to this person further. Building and Zoning Director announced that he had a candidate for the position, Mr. Frank Holland. Chairman Glass noted that Mr. Holland had litigation against the county but Building and Zoning Director said that he had spoke to Mr. Holland about this issue and said that Mr. Holland was not suing the county and that this is something his insurance company had done. County Attorney Mayfield said that he had receive an anti-litem notice from the attorney for Mr. Holland but nothing else had been done with this issue. At this point, Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the appointment of the vacant member on the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Glass presented a Family Medical Leave Policy (FLMA) as the first reading of the policy. This policy will be added as an appendix to the Lamar County Personnel Policy. Commissioner Baker pointed out that this policy is not gender specific. Attorney Mayfield stated that he would submit a gender specific section for the policy. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the first reading of the FLMA policy and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Glass said that the first draft of the policy would be posted on the Lamar County website for review. The second reading will be presented at the June Regular Business meeting.

XI. Towaligia Circuit Budget

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the Towaligia Circuit Budget until all of the counties in the circuit can agree on the numbers and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Financial Update

County Administrator Zellner reported that the county had received 18.64 percent and expended 33.00 percent of the proposed budget. As of the end of April, the county has received \$1,740,674.40 and has spent \$ 3,773,654.32. County Administrator Zellner explained that the bulk of the revenue comes from property taxes and that is not received until the end of the year. A tax anticipation note (TAN) is used for operating expenses until we receive the taxes. County Administrator Zellner said that \$ 1.5 million of the \$3.5 million dollars has been borrowed.

Vice-Chairman Thrash inquired about the Superior Court budget and why the numbers were so high at this point in the year. County Administrator Zellner explained that we paid the courts their money at the beginning of the year instead of the end of quarter at the request of the judge. County Administrator Zellner said that they run on a fiscal calendar year as

opposed to the county's calendar year budget. Vice-Chairman Thrash requested that on the statement of condition report that the Towaliga budget be broken down so that they can review the numbers within the budget. County Administrator Zellner stated that he could break down the Superior Court budget to show the Judges, the Juvenile Court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender and the Accountability Court.

There was discussion about the decrease in the collection of fees from seized properties. Vice-Chairman Thrash stated that this was due to the fact that the State routes that are monitored for drug traffic are routed between I-75 and I-20 and moves from East to West depending on which routes the drug runners are using. The county only receives monies if the route is on I-75 East.

XIII. Administrator's Report

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

1. Logging Permit application change with the addition of assigning an appropriate route, from the county roads to the state roads, for the loggers to take while logging in the county. Public Works Director James Rigdon will assign and approve the routes prior to the logging permit being issued to the logger. If the logger deviates from the route, the Public Safety Officer may ticket the logger.
2. County Administrator Zellner and Sheriff Brad White attended a conference in Tennessee where they learned about Cyber Attacks on servers. These are random internet attacks that cause the network to be locked down until a ransom is paid to unlock the server. It was recommended that pertinent data be housed off-site in case of such an attack. Lamar County's Financial system is a Hosted Site therefore the records are protected. County Administrator Zellner reminded the board that off-site records retention needs to be considered. The records in the county courthouse are very old and are not in good condition.
3. A concrete pad on Industrial Drive has been poured allowing the trucker to pull over to cover their trucks with the loads that they are hauling.
4. Intercon is widening their driveway because the trucks are hauling large generators. It takes a crane to lift the generators on to the trailers. These generators are used by companies such as Google and Netflix and the work load could continue until October of next year.

IX. Public Comments

Mr. Al Adamson with Main Street Advisors addressed the board with his request to submit an insurance bid to the county. Chairman Glass and the board all agreed that it was o.k.

X. Round Table

Vice-Chairman Thrash announced that the first annual Pecan Festival will be held in Milner on Saturday, May 21st, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be cake walks, live concerts, food and the Interim Fire Chief will be there with the Fire Trucks for the kids.

Chairman Glass thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

XI. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Baker made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation at approximately 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The board came out of executive session at approximately 8:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting with no action taken.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Attest: _____

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk