

County Commissioners Meeting  
January 12, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners in and for the county of Lamar, State of Georgia, held a commissioners meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman George R. Brown, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Matthews.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. The invocation was said by Rev. Ben Taylor, pastor of the Milner Baptist Church.

The agenda was amended to add the Qualifying Fees Resolution 2010-02, Executive Session, and Board of Assessors. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the amending and to close the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to go into a closed session for an executive session to discuss litigation at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to return from the Executive Session of the closed meeting and resume the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

The annual appointments included a motion from Vice-Chairman George R. Brown appointing Commissioner Bennie Horton as the new Vice-Chairman of the Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash. Unanimous decision. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Wayne Patterson as County Administrator. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to appoint Smith, Welch, & Brittain with Attorney Scott Mayfield as County Attorney. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to appoint Ms. J. Robyn Underwood and the County's independent auditor. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to appoint the team of Doctors at Woodall, Wilson, and Manley as the County Physicians. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to appoint Ms. Anita Cole to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

County Administrator Wayne presented information regarding the Off System Safety Project between the Department of Transportation State of Georgia and Lamar County. The budget estimate for striping eight county roads is estimated as \$106,442.20.

Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to accept the agreement for Off System Safety Project between Department of Transportation State of Georgia and Lamar County. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion for Chairman Jay Matthews to construct a letter to request a line of credit in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars to both United Bank and the First National Bank of Barnesville. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter read Resolution 2010-01 Lamar County Comprehensive Plan and was elated to announce that the Comprehensive Plan has been approved with the Department of Community Affairs. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept this resolution for the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ordinance 2010-01 Employee Benefits was not read. It will be approved at the next Commissioners meeting in February with the whole personnel policy being approved. It was motioned by Vice-Chairman George R. Brown to delay the Ordinance 2010-01 until the next meeting. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 Commissioners' business meeting. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Resolution Number 2010-02 for Qualifying fees was read in its entirety by Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to approve this resolution for the qualifying fees for Commissioner Chairman, County Commissioner District 1, and District 2, Member of Board of Education District 2 and 4, member of Board of Education at Large. Vice Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Attorney Scott Mayfield informed everyone that the E.T. Carlisle case will be going to the State to continue the fight for Lamar County. All the legal requests, hearings and appeals have been exhausted with the Clerk of Superior Court Judges in Lamar County. Attorney Mayfield has constructed a letter to go forward on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to continue the fight with the E. T. Carlisle landfill. The inert C & D Landfill has been approved. Chairman Jay Matthews stated that he has spoken to representatives with EPD and they will be monitoring everything very closely because EPD will have to issue the State permits for the landfill. There was a lot of discussion about this lawsuit and the letter decision by several concerned citizens. Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter got up to add clarity about both types of landfills. After all of the discussion was completed the Chairman asked for a vote to approve the County Attorney Scott Mayfield to proceed with the letter to the State. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made the motion to proceed with the letter by the County Attorney. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The vote was two commissioners in favor,

Commissioners Hearn and Horton of the letter and two commissioners not in favor Commissioners Brown and Thrash. Chairman Jay Matthews voted in favor of the letter and his vote broke the tie. Their being no other business to discuss Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

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JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

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BENNIE HORTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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GEORGE R. BROWN, MEMBER

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JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

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NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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WAYNE PATTERSON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR