

Commissioners Called Meeting
January 28, 2010
10:00 A.M.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners in and for the county of Lamar, State of Georgia, held a special called meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner George R. Brown, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn, and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash.

Chairman Matthews read statements about why this meeting was called. The statements included concern about the Chairperson of the Board of Tax Assessors doesn't have her current certification by the State that is a requirement in holding the position as chairperson on the Board of Tax Assessors. This certification was to be completed in 2008 and 2009. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton stated that the final assessment has not been done. Commissioner George R. Brown stated that it is a Department of Revenue directive for Ms. Dziedzic to be certified. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn stated that he has had problems in the Tax Assessors office and has noted some dissension in both the Board of Commissioners office and the Tax Assessors offices. He also noted that the job has to be done right and that this meeting is not being held to make any attacks on anyone. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash stated that the directives are put into place for a reason.

Attorney Scott Mayfield had prepared a summary and gave a copy of it to Ms. Dziedzic.

Chairman Jay Matthews called on Ms Dziedzic to speak on her behalf. She stated that she had done a good job with the Board of Tax Assessors, and no one had questioned her about her certification. She volunteered for this job and feels that she has been fiscally responsible about her training by saving the county money. She is scheduled to take some classes on next week for her certification. There was a lot of in-depth discussion regarding her certification and the Tax Assessors Office.

Mr. Kent Kingsley and Mr. David Dodd spoke in support of Ms. Dziedzic. Ms. Linda Mayo, Chief Appraiser was called up to be questioned by some of the Commissioners. After all of the discussion was completed, Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to remove Ms. Lisa Dziedzic from the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioner George R. Brown voted no or abstained.

Resolution 2010-03 was read in its entirety by Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-03 which removes the chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors from the board. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioner George R. Brown voted no. Chairman Jay Matthews wanted the record to reflect that he is in support of this resolution.

Ordinance 2010-02 was read in its entirety by Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby. This ordinance modifies the Board of Tax Assessors from a five member Board to a three member board. This was the first reading of this Ordinance. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance number 2010-02. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor and one against. The commissioner voting against the Ordinance is Commissioner George R. Brown.

The Tax Assessors Board appointments will be made at the February 9, 2010 commissioner meeting at 7:00 p.m. The persons of interest to the Board are Mr. John Hamrick and Mr. Hollinsworth. A motion was made by Commissioner George R. Brown to delay the appointments until the next meeting. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

BENNIE HORTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN

GEORGE R. BROWN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

WAYNE PATTERSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER