

County Commissioners Meeting
February 9, 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, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner George R. Brown, 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. Lonnie Grant, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

Commissioner George R. Brown asked to amend the agenda to add the discussion of workshops. There being no further additions to the agenda, Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to close the agenda with the said item added. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Chairman Matthews asked for a motion to close the agenda. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to close the agenda. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

The first reading of Ordinance 2010-04 was read by Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter regarding the changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. These few changes will assist the zoning office with having more control over the subdivisions than the restrictive covenants. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance Number 2010-04 regarding the changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ms. Angela Mack, Executive Director of the Lamar County Activity Center came before the Board to inform everyone of the programs and activities that are ongoing at the Center. She introduced her Board members that were there in attendance at the Board meeting. Ms. Mack thanked everyone for their support and donations.

The two named appointments to the Board of Tax Assessors were Mr. John Hamrick and Mr. Roger Hollandsworth. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the two persons named to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Resolution 2010-04 was highlighted by Chairman Jay Matthews to approve a line of Credit with the United Bank in an amount of \$1.5 million with an interest rate of 3.093%. This line of credit will be used to help pay the expenses of the County for the calendar year 2010. The loan amount agreement is to be paid in full by December 31st 2010. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to approve the Line of Credit Resolution

Number 2010-04. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ordinance number 2010-03 first reading of the Personnel policy was read by Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to accept the first reading of the personnel policy. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Business meeting that was held on January 12, 2010. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion to approve the Special called meeting on January 28, 2010. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner George R. Brown brought up discussion about wanting to hold workshops and not make any decisions during the workshops. He was informed by Mr. Walter Geiger that it is still a meeting, and decisions can still be made and voted upon. It was concluded that the Commissioners can call a meeting at anytime.

Mr. Aaron Brown came before the Commissioners to ask if the Tax Assessors Board will be or is a three member board or a five member board? Chairman Matthews stated that it will remain as a five member board. Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street thanked the Commissioners for allowing a link on the county's website for the Humane Society. They are asking for help socializing the animals. Spay and neuter day is on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Commissioner Bennie Horton thanked the newspapers for helping to inform everyone about "Men Empowering Men". This is a prison support that assists prisoners to become positive role modes in the society. Commissioner Horton also mentioned that there has been a lot of talk about him on the Blog and in the streets; he said that if anyone wants to know anything about him, to please call him and he will be happy to answer any questions that they may have. Lastly, he stated that as people are searching and asking questions about him, they need to take their negative energy and use it for positive energy. A brave person dies once and a coward dies many times.

Commissioner George R. Brown announced that he is running for Commissioner for a third term. He said that he has really enjoyed being a Commissioner. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash informed everyone that there has been a conference called with the Lieutenant Governor to cut \$3 billion dollars from the state budget. Chairman Jay Matthews praised former Sheriff Joe Buice stating that he saw the former Sheriff and Mr. Mike Ross walking on a local road. Chairman Matthews informed everyone about our new website which is lamarcountytga.org and thanked Ms. Jennifer Day for a fine job in setting the site up. Chairman Matthews stated that the highway section of 341 and Dozier Hill needs to be renamed. A suggested name is Veterans Memorial Highway. There being no further comments, Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to go into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss real estate, litigation, and personnel. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous

decision. The closed meeting session affidavit is herewith signed and is a part of these minutes. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to return to the regular session after adjourning from the executive session. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passes by a unanimous decision. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn from the regular meeting session. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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