

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 16th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Rev. Barber gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended. Commissioner Thrash made the motion to amend the agenda and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Glass made the motion to add the E& R Charge On and Charge Off from the Tax Commissioner's Office and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discussions

E&R (Charge On/Charge off Digest)

Tax Commissioner Andrea Anthony presented the Charge/On Charge Off Digest to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners. (See attached Document)

Ordinance-3: Senior Citizens Advisory-2nd Reading-This ordinance is created to amend Chapter 2-2 of the Lamar County Code of Ordinances entitled "administration" to amend article V entitled "boards, commissions and authorities, to create a new division 6 entitled "Senior Citizens Advisory Board" to repeal conflicting ordinances. The board shall consist of five (5) members and shall be appointed each year and serve a term of four years. The Board shall elect one member to serve as Chairman of the Board and another member to serve as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance-3 and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance-4: Amendment to the Lamar County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance to Include State Mandated Changes-1st Reading-This ordinance is created to revise the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control to include Stated mandated changes. (See attached document).

V. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the following minutes and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- Regular Business Meeting July 19th, 2011
- Special Called Meeting July 28th, 2011

- Budget Workshop Meeting August 3rd, 2011

VI. Public Comments

Julia Heidbrink of Hwy 36 West, Barnesville, Ga. addressed the Commissioners' in regards to an issue she recently had with the Water Authority in regards to a fire hydrant being drained on her property. She is currently working with the Water Authority and the Commissioners in regards to this issue.

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street, Barnesville, Ga. gave the monthly human society report to the Commissioners. She stated that they are requesting donations for their fund raiser they do annually at the local Buggy Days Festival. They sell Sirloin Burgers and other food items to make money for the Barnesville Lamar County Human Society. She also addressed the Chairman in regards to Congressman Westmoreland and a Town Hall meeting. Chairman Matthews stated that there would be a meeting with the Commissioners coming up soon but an actual Town Hall meeting would be scheduled at a later time. Commissioner Thrash asked about the memorial brick sale and Eskridge stated that the Human Society has this as a work in progress.

Preston Thompson of 2025 Hwy 36 East stated that he was ashamed of Commissioner Horton for his article in the paper in regards to the Democratic Party. He also addressed his concerns with Commissioner Thrash in regards to cutting the budget and adding back \$10,000 for the Drug Court and the Industrial Development Authority. Thompson was concerned about the millage increase being used to offset the original cuts put back into the budget. Chairman Matthews stated that the 2012 budget was not only based on actual but with the millage increase in order to complete the budget. The Commissioners have a plan to adopt the 2012 budget by the end of September.

VII. Round Table

Commissioner Horton addressed Preston Thompson with his earlier comments. Commissioner Horton stated that cowards write on the Blogs without signing their names and he puts his name to his signature. Commissioner Horton stated we are all Americans. He further stated that Horton's Rendezvous is not the cause of all of Lamar County's problems.

Commissioner Glass stated we are in the process of wrapping up the Tornado Disaster cleanup and we should expect somewhere between \$225,000 to \$250,000 dollars of additional reimbursement money.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Hearn made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Jimmy Hearn, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Nancy M. Thrash-Member

Attest:

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk