

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Matthews adjourned the Public Hearing and started the Regular Commissioner Meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended with the addition of a Road Name Change from Leverette Road to Sardis Baptist Church Road. Commissioner Horton made the motion to amend the agenda and Vice Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**III. Minutes Approval**

Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the following minutes.

- i. Special Called Meeting-July 12, 2012
- ii. Regular Board Meeting-July 17, 2012
- iii. Special Called Meeting-August 1, 2012
- iv. Special Called Meeting August 2, 2012
- v. Workshop-August 8, 2012

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

**IV. Board Appointments**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to table the Board Appointment to the Council on Aging. Commissioner Glass made a motion to table the appointment and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**V. Discussions**

- a) Denise Connell from the Lamar Tax Commissioners Office read the Charge on/Charge off Digest which is from July 01, 2011 to June 30, 2012. The report is attached to the minutes. Commissioner Horton addressed the citizens and asked if everyone understood the Charge on/Charge offs. Van Baker of 521 Thomaston Street Barnesville, Georgia asked about the value of the top five Charge offs. Connell stated that this highest value was an exempt property and valued at 44,041.64 dollars. Connell stated that the other properties are combined for an entire year's period. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the Charge on/Charge off as submitted by the Tax Commissioners office.

- Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Charge on/Charge off properties. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- b) Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Resolution 2012-08, amending the zoning ordinance for personal care homes, using the Public Hearing as the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-08 and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Thrash voted against Resolution 2012-08. Commissioner Hearn voted for the Resolution 2012-08. The motion passed 3-0.
  - c) Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the Rezoning App#2012-02 by Ricky Viars, Sr. /Cynthia L. Moody to rezone approximately 18.2 acres from C-2 to A-R. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the rezoning application and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
  - d) Commissioner Horton made a motion to officially declare that Sardis Church Road is not Leverette Road. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

## **V. Public Comments**

Martha Wendall of 440 Johnstonville Road, Barnesville, shared about the leadership styles she has learned along with Missy Kendrick who is the executive director of the Barnesville Lamar County Industrial Authority. Wendall stated that they have studied social, economic and employment trends along with population growth or decline to learn how to use these statistics for the betterment of the community. She stated that the class also learned from Rhonda Toon, Vice-President for Advancement of Gordon College the effectiveness of group decision making and from Tommy Dobbins, Executive Director for Community Health Foundation they learned how to recognize their personal and community values and from Tracey Bittner, Human Resource Manager of Sun Trust Bank they learned the 4 basic styles of effective communication. Wendall also shared some highlights that are upcoming which includes the farm tour on Thursday, the tour of local government, city county and regional emergency services, and the tour of the local school system in Lamar County.

Tim Rooks of 335 Lee Street, Barnesville, Georgia shared that as a part of Lamar Leadership they also do service projects. One upcoming project is helping to paint the old jail museum. They also are working to bring the wetland trail on County Kitchen Road back to use.

Deborah Adamson stated that she is new to Lamar and encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday to help with the painting of the little white building next to the old jail museum.

Missy Kendrick recognized other members of Lamar Leadership that were in the audience. They were Hayward Cox and Denise Connell. Kendrick stated that part of the class requirement is attending two sessions that are Community Development sessions and the Commissioners have to sign off on their attendance.

Charlie Muise of 368 Eady Creek Road Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Commissioner with his concerns about the plans for the recreation property on Hwy 36 East. His main concerns were traffic, transportation and lack of participation if the soccer program was to move to that location. Muise was also concerned about the money it would cost to develop the property. Chairman Matthews stated that there are no plans to develop the field in the immediate future. The FFA gave the property to the county in 1999 and the county has to maintain it in order to keep the property. A fence and a sign have been erected in order to show progress to the location.

Carl Heidbrink of 588 Hwy 36 West, Barnesville, Georgia spoke to the Commissioners about the availability of the agenda and information about Ordinances prior to the meetings. Building and Zoning Director explained to Heidbrink that every Public Hearing in regards to Ordinances is advertised two times in the local paper prior to the regular business meeting. Chairman Matthews, County Administrator Zellner and Financial Analyst Davidson all stated that the agenda was available on the County website last Friday and also posted at the administration building.

## **VII. Round Table**

Commissioner Horton recognized the Lamar Leadership members and Missy Kendrick. He stated that when you have that kind involvement in a program you bond together for life.

Commissioner Glass thanked the participants in Leadership Lamar and he thanked them for their time and dedication.

Chairman Matthews also thanked the Leadership Lamar participants for their service. He commented on the projects for the nature trail on Roberta Drive and stated that the Public Works Department is cutting and mowing at the site. He also recognized the Boy Scouts Troop 38 who is also working on the nature trail. He stated that pretty soon the site will be re-graded.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Glass made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Nancy M. Thrash, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Member

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Charles Glass, Member

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Jimmy Hearn-Member

Attest:

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Robert Zellner, County Administrator