

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Business Meeting
February 19th, 2013
7:00 P.M

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner Charles Glass, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, Financial Analyst Carlette Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Reverend Jane E. Thomas gave the invocation.

III. Public Hearing

Commissioner Glass made a motion to withdraw the application for Arthur K. English IV. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discussions

Minutes Approval

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve minutes from the January 15th, 2013 Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Proclamation-Black History Month

Vice-Chairman Horton read a Proclamation declaring that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners proclaim February, 2013, be celebrated as African American History Month in Lamar County, urging all public officials, educators, and all citizens of Lamar County to observe and celebrate the month of February recognizing the contributions of African Americans to this County, State, and Country.

Proclamation-Black History Month

Chairman Matthews read a Proclamation recognizing Clifford B. Barber and the Mt. Sinai C.M.E. Church for their outstanding service and dedication to promoting Black History Month in the community. Chairman Matthews also recognized Rev. Jane E. Thomas, Pastor of Mt Sinai C.M.E Church, for her hard

work and dedication to the members of Mt. Sinai C.M.E Church and to the Lamar County Community.

Board Appointments

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Commissioner Horton as the Vice-Chairman for the 2013 calendar year. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Cedar Grove Waste to Energy Project

Johnny Poore, Executive Director of the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Authority gave a power point presentation on the Waste to Fuels Project and the Landfill going green. The authority was formed in 1993 and has reached many milestones over the last six years. Currently, the landfill is using a technology called pyrolysis to convert the waste material into usable sources of energy. Pyrolysis is a thermochemical decomposition of material at elevated temperatures without the participation of oxygen. Mr. Poore gave an overview of the benefits of this technology which includes a reduction in carbon footprint, a reduction in waste volume by 90 percent, residual waste sterilization, elimination of landfill expansion, reduction in landfill acreage, elimination of the need for future landfills in Lamar County, and job creation. Mr. Poore stated that this changes the Lamar County Solid Waste Authority from a service provider to a profit center. Mr. Poore made a request to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners to support and participate with the Lamar County Solid Waste Authority for a 44 million dollar bond issue for waste to fuels project subjected to reviews and validated by 3rd party engineering. Mr. Poore stated that the assurance factors include authority assets and revenues, an established customer base, diversified revenue streams, purchase agreements for power, gas and fuels and a 20 year record of fiscal responsibilities without relying on property taxes. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to support the 44 million dollar bond subject to 3rd party review. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2013-01 to Adopt Amended and Restated ACCG 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01 to Adopt Amended and Restated ACCG 457 (B) Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan updates the current 457 (B) plan and is a voluntary plan for the employees of Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

V. Public Comments

Katherine McHan of 7 Spencer Hollow, Barnesville, Georgia spoke on behalf of the Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board. Ms. McHan stated that there have been some budget cuts and that Central State Hospital in Milledgeville is closing. Ms. McHan said that about 125 residents will need to be transferred. Currently they are working to get these residents moved into other facilities. Ms. McHan also stated that a group of volunteers are working with Don Holmes in regards to families with domestic violence. The goal is see a reduction in crime in Lamar County.

Sylvia White of 1296 City Pond Road, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Commissioners with her opposition to the application for Horse Racing made by Arthur K. English IV. Chairman Matthews explained that the application had been withdrawn.

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia and Joyce Farmer of 159 Yatesville Road gave their monthly humane society report. Twelve animals were spayed or neutered in Fort Valley. Ms. Farmer stated that she is still missing her Jack Russell Terrier. Joyce reported that the Rescue Shelter recently passed an agricultural inspection. Ms. Eskridge reported that the personalized memorial bricks are available for purchase. The bricks will be placed in a special area of the new park located where Summers Fields once was.

VI. Round Table

Commissioner Thrash thanked Mr. Johnny Poore for his presentation and his hard work on the waste to fuels project.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Jay Matthews-Chairman

Bennie Horton-Vice-Chairman

Charles Glass-Commissioner

Van Baker-Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash-Commissioner

Attest:

Robert Zellner-County Administrator