

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Business Meeting
January 17th, 2012
7:00 P.M

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Matthews adjourned the Public Hearing at approximately 8:15 p.m. and went immediately into the Lamar County Commissioners Regular Business Meeting. Chairman Matthews then called for the addition of the following items to be added to the agenda.

- 1) Rezoning App. # 2011-01 by 36 Hwy, LLC/Jason Lee-Hwy 36 W (Go-Karting/Recreation Facility)
- 2) Rezoning App. # 2011-02 by Butts County Development Authority –Adjacent to Bucksnot Rd. (Wholesale/Warehouse operations).
- 3) Ordinance # 2012-01 Amendment to the Lamar County Zoning Ordinance to change the definition of “administrative officer”.

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to add the above items to the agenda and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

II. Discussions

- a) **Minutes Approval.** Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the following minutes.

- i. December 20th, 2011-Regular Board Minutes.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the minutes and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- b) **Board Appointments.**

- i. Board Commissioner Hearn made a motion to appoint Nancy Thrash as Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners for the 2012 year. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- ii. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to dissolve the Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Horton made a motion to abolish the board and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- c) **Annual Appointments**

- i. Commissioner Glass called for a motion to appoint Robert Zellner as the County Administrator for 2012 year. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
- ii. Vice-Chairman Thrash called for a motion to appoint Smith, Welch, Webb & White, and LLC for the position of County Attorney for Lamar County for the 2012 year. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- iii. Commissioner Horton called for a motion to appoint Doctors Woodall, Wilson and Manley as the County Physician. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
- iv. Commissioner Hearn called for a motion to appoint James Butler as the County Surveyor for Lamar County. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

d) Qualifying Fees

Commissioner Horton called for a motion to approve Resolution no 2012-01 setting the Qualifying Fees for party and public offices. Election codes require the fee to be three (3) percent of the annual salary of the office if a salaried office and if not a salaried office at (3) percent of the gross salary for non-salaried employees. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

e) DFACS Rollover

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to grant the request from the Lamar County Department of Family and Children Services to keep any unused funds they had in the Budget at the end of the 2011 fiscal year. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

f) Reverse 911-Code Red

Vice-Chairman Thrash called for a motion to move forward with the Reverse 911 system presented by Captain Brad White costing the county about \$3750 for the first year and \$7500.00 for the next two years. She also stated that she would like to have a Town Hall meeting advising the citizens on how to use the system. Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the Reverse 911 system and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

g) Road Paving's

County Administrator Robert Zellner presented a Road Paving proposal for Ennis, Hoyt, Short, Zellner, Ray Brinkley Drive and Bottoms Road. The Commissioners reviewed the cost for just Labor at \$ 64, 304.00 and for Labor & Gravel at \$ 128, 608.00. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the Labor & Gravel bid and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

h) Blighted Property-Ordinance 2011-6

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to deny the Blighted Property Ordinance and use the tools that are already in place. Vice-Chairman Thrash

made a motion to deny the Ordinance 2011-6 and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

i) **Ordinance # 2012-01 Amendment to the Lamar County Zoning Ordinance to change the definition of “administrative officer”.**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2012-01 to change the definition of “administrative officer”. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

j) **Discussion on the Rezoning of by Butts County Development Authority – Adjacent to Bucksnot Rd. (Wholesale/Warehouse operations).**

Administrator Gunter showed the map to the audience and stated that you can’t control what Butts County does and that the Commissioners are here to vote on the re-zoning portion of the property of Lamar County. He also stated that there is already a County and State Erosion Ordinance in place that controls the environment and meets all the requirements for protecting the property and the buffers to the lake.

Joey Scanlon from Scanlon Civil Engineering & Land Surveying addressed the Commissioners with the water quality and the preserved buffers. He stated there are no septic tanks with this project and no well. He stated that the lake is buffered and the water quality is preserved.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the Rezoning App # 2011-12-02 Adjacent to Bucksnot Rd from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to M-1 (Manufacturing-Light) and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Public Comments

- a) Jimmy Bottoms of 119 Coffey Road, Barnesville, Georgia stated that he prays for everyone’s forgiveness of his past transgressions and stated that the County is in Physical Disarray. He is concerned about the current tax issues and the government mandates as well as the long term costs to the county not being considered. He is also concerned about the deception on spending, the budget and taxes.

IV. Round Table

Commissioner Horton thanked Administrator Gunter for his hard work on the Blighted Property Ordinance.

V. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:37 p.m. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Jimmy Hearn-Member

Attest:

Robert Zellner, County Administrator