

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
January 23rd, 2012
5:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the Special Called Meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Thrash, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Hearn, County Administrator Zellner, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Vice-Chairman Nancy Thrash gave the invocation.

III. Discussions

a) **Fire Engine Purchase**

Fire Chief Steve Andrews and Captain Douglas Matthews addressed the Commissioners with a proposal to buy two new Fire Engines with the SPLOST II monies. They wish to replace four Engines that are 30 years old and were purchased from DeKalb County. The engines only carry 500 gallons of water and are in need of major repair. They will retire the engines that they received from DeKalb County. The two current engines will be replaced by the new engines and will be moved to Station 6 at Parker Branch and Station 4 at Johnsonville.

Chief Andrews received the following quotes on two Fire Engines:

- 1) Pierce -at about \$300,000.00,
- 2) E-One/Fire Line at \$339, 752.00
- 3) HME/Ahrens/Fox at \$328,726.00

All of the above have about a 6-8 week delivery date. Chief Andrews was also contacted by Steven Bowles with Peach State FreightLiner who stated he has two 2011 demo Engines with less than 2000 miles with full vehicle warranty. The Engines have a Stainless Steel Body, hold 1000 gallons of water and are ready for purchase immediately. The motors do not require the 2012 regulations making the price cheaper. These units can be purchased for \$265,000.00 a piece and both for \$530,000.00. This is a cost savings of \$65,000.00 for one and \$130,000.00 on two. The purchase pricing for these two Engines can be spread over the entire SPLOST period. In order to secure the purchase of the two Fire Engines, HME

will need \$ 10,000.00 for one unit or \$ 20,000.00 for two. (Attached to the Minutes is the Request for Proposal on the 2011 Silver Fox HME fire trucks). This payment goes toward the total cost of the purchase. Chief Andrews explained to the Commissioners that this is a tremendous deal and will go towards the points necessary for assuring a better score with the ISO in March. Getting a better score with the ISO insures home owners in Lamar County a discounted rate. Chief Andrews stated further that immediate action must be taken to secure these engines since they are factory demos and are being marketed throughout the country. Chief Andrews asked the Commissioners for consideration of this purchase as it will be very valuable to the community and to the Fire Service of Lamar County. In closing Chief Andrews stated that there would be an additional cost of about \$ 17,000.00 for additional equipment purchase that he plans on meeting with City of Milner and the Town of Aldora to get assistance from if these engines are purchased.

The Commissioners were concerned about where the funds would come from since the Fire Station has not been completed. Commissioner Glass pointed out that the Fire Station has to be completed before they can close out SPLOST I. Chief Andrews stated that he had already been working with County Administrator Zellner on necessary cut backs. These cut backs include removing the towers, cutting out bedrooms and making other concessions to the building which would be a savings of about \$ 20,000.00 dollars.

Vice-Chairman Thrash stated she would like to post pone the decision until Attorney Mayfield had had a chance to review the contract. Commissioner Glass made a motion to leave the decisions to Chief Andrews and County Administrator Zellner to figure out the details and go ahead and approve the proposal. The Commissioners ultimately decided that they would need to have another Special Called Meeting after further review. Commissioner Glass made a motion to recess the Special Called Meeting for a Public Hearing. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to reconvene the Special Called Meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Glass made a motion to reconvene the meeting and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

b) Re-Districting of Maps

Following the Public Hearing regarding the Re-Districting plan for the Lamar County Commission Districts, Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to add the approval of the Re-Districting Maps to the Agenda. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve Resolution-2012-5 (Re-Districting Map). Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

X. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Glass made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Real Estate at approximately 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Horton and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 7:12 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

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