

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2012**

**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 Thrash, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Hearn, County Administrator Zellner, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Mayfield.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended with the addition of an appointment to the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Hearn made the motion to amend the agenda and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IV. Minutes Approval**

Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the following minutes.

- i. June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 –Special Called Meeting
- ii. June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012-Regular Board Meeting

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

**V. Board Appointments**

- a) Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Andy Bush to the Board of Assessors for a term of four years replacing current board member Lou Ann Ramsey. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- b) Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to appoint Audrey Smith for a term of four years to the Lamar County Family and Children Service Board. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- c) Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Mildred Merchant to the Board of Appeals for a term of three years. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- d) Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-09 appointing the County Attorney as the Open Records Officer and County Administrator as the alternate Open Records Officer. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VI. Public Comments**

Julia Heidbrink of 588 Hwy 36 West, Barnesville, Georgia shared information from an article she read on how Dalton County dropped their sales tax from seven percent to five percent and how the Dalton County sales tax increased 9.3 percent in the first five months of 2012. Heidbrink gave the article to the Commissioners and suggested that she contact them for information. Heidbrink also spoke to the Commissioners about a young lady who has had an injury and needs assistance with money.

Carl Heidbrink of 588 Hwy 36 West, Barnesville, Georgia spoke to the Commissioners about the agenda being placed on the website and the open records request and the charges that are incurred when requesting a record. Chairman Matthews stated that the County adheres to the Georgia State laws when following the rules of an open records request.

**VII. Round Table**

Commissioner Horton thanked those that accepted the new board appointed positions and praised the firefighters, policemen and everyone working in the inclement weather.

Vice-Chairman Thrash requested thoughts and prayers for Judge Martin who has had recent back surgery.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Hearn 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 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

