

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

July 7th, 2011

10:05 A.M

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 A.M. Present for the meeting were Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, Financial Analyst Davidson and CPA Idol.

II. Discussions

Recreation Department Head Buddy Lanier meets with the commissioner to discuss the proposed cuts to the recreation department budget. There was discussion in regards to the coaches association taking over the program activities currently being funded by Lamar County. The parents association would continue to run the concession stand using donations to fund their program and community service workers when necessary. Lanier and the Commissioners continued discussion in regards to the budget including raising the fees for the program activities and meeting with the coaches to discuss the recommended changes to the association.

Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners discussed employee holiday pay and benefits in regards to further budget cuts. Chairman Matthews and several designated Commissioners agreed to meet with various benefit representatives to discuss choice options for all employees.

Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners moved on to discuss the water authority and the memorandum of understanding regarding the City of Barnesville assuming control of the water authority in exchange for the Barnesville Lamar County Library.

Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners discussed the idea of declaring the Water Authority building as the Fire Station and using the excess SPLOST money to cover the budget along with a 1 millage increase to the tax payers. Everyone agreed that the fairest way to not increase the millage was thru the fire and ambulance fees but this would not be possible for the 2012 budget until all of the fees for 2010 are collected and a better system of collecting the money is implemented.

VI. Executive Sessions and Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at approximately 12:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hearn and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 12:41 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

Jimmy Hearn, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Nancy M. Thrash-Member

Attest:

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk