

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting Minutes
June 13th, 2011
10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, Financial Analyst Davidson and CPA, Cheryl Idol.

II. BID Request for Removal of Hazardous Trees

Chairman Matthews opened the bid process for review. Chairman Matthews distributed the bids to the commissioners present for review. The purpose of this contract is to provide for removal and disposal of vegetative materials threatening public safety and public property along storm damaged areas of Lamar County, Georgia. The Contractor shall provide for cutting, loading, hauling and dumping those trees and stumps that have been identified for removal or pruning in the designated areas of the county. The three companies who bid on this contract were Fitzhugh Tree Services, Tree Toppers and LMGC. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Tree Toppers as the lowest bidder for RFB 2011-02 and Vice-Chairman Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Toll Road

Chairman Matthews read the resolution 2011-06 for rejecting the idea of any toll road that traverses any portion of the County. Chairman Matthews stated that the county is not interested in participating in any joint transportation authority or anybody that would facilitate a toll road. Chairman Matthews called for a motion of approval. Commissioner Thrash motioned to approve and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. AG ARENA

The Commissioners discussed the use of the Ag Arena along with Recreation Director Buddy Lanier. Commissioner Thrash reported that she had received many calls in regards to the arena and in particular as to the site preparation. Chairman Matthews called on Michelle Rehas and Bobby Burnette to speak on issues they have between the Recreation Department and the Ag Arena. There was discussion on fees charged for the use of the arena and the willingness of the user to prepare the grounds for an event.

The Commissioners and Buddy Lanier noted that there are resources and limitations in regards to preparing the arena for events. Chairman Matthews noted that currently the service that is being provided by the county is as good as it is going to get for now. He also stated that there are plans for the future to have a better facility for the arena.

V. Water Authority-Memorandum of Understanding

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of the City of Barnesville taking over the Water Authority and the County taking over the Barnesville Lamar County Library. Chairman Matthews stated that the City of Barnesville would assume the assets and liabilities of the water authority. Chairman Matthews also stated that we would take over the deed to the Recreation Department from the City of Barnesville. In order to take over the Barnesville Lamar County Library the county would pay the City in a 4 year increment with the dollar amount being the first year at \$50,000, the second year at \$100,000, the third year at \$150,000 and finally the fourth year at \$200,000. Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners agreed that we would need to set up a meeting with the Water Authority and the Commissioners. Citizen Wesley Wilson of Milner commented on the water authority and stated that the recession hit and 300 plus lots not being developed hurt the Water Authority. He further stated that they based the water authority successfulness on the Rock Quarry using 100,000 gallons of water a day. The Commissioners discussed the fact that with industrial development growth showing up in the county, by the year 2013, we should see a greater wealth of revenue. Chairman Matthews stated that because HB 49 protects county residents from having an increase in rates, the city rates won't go up to match the county rates. Vice-Chairman Hearn stated that they needed to vote on the approval of the CDBG project at the next regular business meeting.

VI. Adjournment and Executive Sessions

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at approximately 11:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 12:11 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, Financial Analyst

