

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman Thrash, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Hearn, County Administrator Zellner, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Mayfield. Chairman Matthews was absent for the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Thrash called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Horton gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Thrash welcomed everyone and requested that the agenda be amended with the deletion of the item under discussion, Purchase Recreation Vehicle. Commissioner Horton made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to the agenda and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**IV. Minutes Approval**

Vice-Chairman Thrash called for the approval of the following minutes.

- i. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 –Workshop Meeting
- ii. May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012-Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**V. Resolutions**

County Administrator Zellner read Resolution 2012-07 created to accept the certificate of distribution of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) proceeds. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the Resolution 2012-07 and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**VI. Discussions**

**a) Tax Commissioner No Sale Properties**

Tax Commissioner Andrea Anthony came before the Commissioners requesting guidance on how to handle the properties in which she cannot locate the heirs responsible for the

ad valorem taxes. Vice-Chairman Thrash stated that she was not in favor of writing off the taxes. Tax Commissioner Anthony spoke with her auditor and he suggested that maybe the value of the property could be lowered so that the property stays on the digest until the property is sold. Vice-Chairman Thrash called for a motion to table the item for more discussion at a later time. Commissioner Horton and Commissioner Glass were assigned to discuss the issue further with the Tax Commissioner. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the motion to table the discussion and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**b) Purchase Public Works Paving Equipment**

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the purchase of a compactor roller from Yancey Brothers for the total 60 month pay out amount of \$50,000.00 dollars with an interest rate of 2.39% for five years. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**VII. Public Comments**

- a) Katherine McCann of 7 Spencer Hollow, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Vice-Chairman and the Commissioners with questions regarding remuneration for using the space to conduct the T-SPLOST town hall meetings. Vice-Chairman Thrash explained that County funds could not be used to encourage or discourage T-SPLOST voting. McCann also announced that there would be a U.S. Congressional debate, Georgia District 3 held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center in Barnesville, Georgia.
- b) Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Vice-Chairman and the Commissioners with an update on the Human Society. Eskridge reported that in the month of June, Joyce Farmer had transported 8 animals to Fort Valley to be spayed and neutered. Eskridge revealed the various bricks that can be purchased in memory or in honor of your dog or cat. The bricks will be available for purchase in the spring of 2013.
- c) Jere Moore of Rose Avenue, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Vice-Chairman and the Commissioners. He stated that the proposed Emergency Management Ordinance would have caused long term serious consequences for the citizens of Lamar County. Moore stated that if he had not spoken with Pike County about the Ordinance he would not have known about the approval of the first reading of the Ordinance. Moore proposed that upcoming Ordinances be posted for review before they are actually brought before the Commissioners for a vote. Moore also suggested that video equipment be purchased so that meetings could be viewed on you tube which would allow the citizens to be informed of decisions being made by the Commissioners.
- d) Lena Lacey of 123 Matthews Road, Milner, Georgia addressed the Vice-Chairman and the Commissioners with her concerns about not being able to pay a bus driver when Senior Center trips are taken. Vice-Chairman Thrash suggested that she seek guidance from the Director, Marsh Johnston-Clark and the Senior Center Board.
- e) Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Vice-Chairman and the Commissioners in regards to the cost for Open Records. Ross was concerned that that the citizens would have to pay the County Attorney since he has been

appointed as the custodian of records. Attorney Mayfield explained that he reviews all open records and then charges the county for the review. Administrator Zellner explained that the fees that are imposed include a charge of .10 per page plus the rate of pay for the lowest paid worker in the office that is actually doing the job. Administrator Zellner also added that the open records request to the citizen is free for the first fifteen minutes.

**VII. Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Thrash called for round table discussion. Commissioner Hearn shared his concerns in regards to T-SPLOST. Commissioner Hearn stated that he is not telling the citizens which way to vote but encouraged everyone present to think about T-SPLOST and what it would mean to the County. He stated that at least two roads need to be fixed, Johnsonville Road and Yatesville Road, costing about one million dollars each to pave. Commissioner Hearn explained that if T-SPLOST does not pass then more than likely the County ad valorem taxes will be increased to cover the cost of the road repairs.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Thrash called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hearn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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