

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
June 28th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Rev. Steve Patterson from Rock Springs Church gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be approved. Commissioner Horton made the motion to amend the agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Discussions

Water Authority- Chairman Matthews called for a motion to table the water authority issue. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the water authority and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

*Approval of CDBG Project Grant-*Chairman Matthews stated that this is to run water lines in a section of the county and with the recommendation of Carter and Sloope Engineers it is to award the bid to Smith Pipeline was the low bidder on the project. This is 100% grant money to pay for the water line to pick up additional customers. Money will flow through the county. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve this contract and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2011--2: 911 Change on Pre-paid Wireless Transactions- The General Assembly passed a change as to how 911 fees are collected from a pre-paid wireless carrier and as a result ACCG has created a model ordinance for counties to adopt. The counties get to keep the proceeds collected otherwise the proceeds go straight to the state general funds. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to pass Ordinance-2 as presented. Commissioner Glass intervened stating that this would be the first reading of the Ordinance-2. Chairman Matthews referred to Attorney Mayfield and concurred that the 2nd reading would be done at the next regular business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Board Appointments

Commissioner Glass made a motion to reappoint Robert Taylor to the DFACS board and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to reappoint Monica Walters to the Election Board and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Lee Woodall and Martha Holloway to the Board of Health. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. There is still an additional appointment with Dr. Holland Jackson up for re-appointment. He is currently being contacted in regards to the re-appointment.

2011 Tornado Disaster

Commissioner Glass reported that we still have a contract underway for picking up loose debris from the right of way on county roads and we are beginning to wind this down with two full passes and working on some third places where we had a lot of debris. The deadline to get all the debris out there is by this coming Friday. The second contract for Leaner's, Hangers and Stumps completed in little over a week. The third contract is for grinding debris and Commissioner Glass stated that they are planning to open those bids tonight. Chairman Matthews then opened the bid and the lowest bidder for the grinding debris went to Conkle's Tree Service with a quote of \$2.25 a cubic yard for debris. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the proper insurance and Commissioner Glass stated that this requirements in the contract. Commissioner Glass made a motion to accept the bid from Conkle and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Budget Review

Chairman Matthews reported that they had had several workshops and they are continuing to grind out the numbers and cut the budget. Commissioner Thrash reported that they have a long way to go and that they are going line item by line item. Chairman Matthews reported that they are meeting with the Insurance Provider in regards to the budget.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the following minutes and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- Special Called Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2011.
- Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes June 6th, 7th, 8th, 2011.
- Special Called Meeting June 13th, 2011
- Budget Workshop Meeting June 15th, 2011.
- Budget Workshop Meeting June 20th, 2011
- Budget Workshop Meeting June 22nd, 2011

Public Comments

Beverly Eskridge of Holmes Street, Barnesville gave a monthly report from the Human Society. She shared with the commissioners that the Human Society recently spayed and neutered 14 dogs and cats. The Human Society has two miniature Italian grey hounds and one yorkie shcuc mix and three fuzzy german Shepard puppies, and one German short haired pointer, available for adoption. She also voiced her concerns about the water authority and the difficulties that have arisen with the two authorities- both the ag authority and the water authority. She challenged the commissioners to remember the difficulties of these two authorities and avoid creating any new authorities in the future.

Preston Thompson of Hwy 36 in Milner thanked the commissioners for working on the budget. He also inquired about the hole on Hwy 36 close to Martin Dairy Road. Chairman Matthews directed Public Works director James Rigdon to look into this matter. He further inquired about the hiring of the County Manager. Chairman Matthews stated that he uses the term County Manager but it really is County Administrator and the job is based on what is in the code. He also asked the commissioners to not make a decision on the authorities in which it will make people 10 to 15 years down the road have to pay for it. Chairman Matthews assured him that they are thinking everything thru before making any decision. Chairman Matthews also assured him that he has great attachment to both the county and the city and he doesn't differ between the two.

V. Round Table

Commissioner Horton stated that he grew up in the county he represents the county but also supports the city. He stated that next Friday his group would be playing up town to support groups in the community.

Commissioner Glass stated that it would help the citizens to know that we have a goal with the budget to get our decisions made by July 18th and to set a millage rate as our deadline to the state is August 1st. Tornado cleanup is winding down and he is pleased to see that there is rebuilding started.

Commissioner Hearn stated that he would like for the public to believe in the commissioners as they have the water authority issue and the budget issues and decisions having to be made that are not popular.

Chairman Matthews noted for meetings upcoming in regards to the public hearings would be held on the 14th and the 28th of July. These meetings would be advertised.

VI. Executive Sessions and Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel at approximately 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hearn and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 9:10 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Jimmy Hearn, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Nancy M. Thrash-Member

Attest:

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk