

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Matthews adjourned the Public Hearing at approximately 7:15 p.m. and went immediately into the Lamar County Commissioners Regular Business Meeting. Chairman Matthews then called for the addition of the following items to be added to the agenda.

- 1) Software Package
- 2) Surplus Property

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve and add the above items to the agenda. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the following minutes and the motion passed 4-0.

**II. Discussions**

**a) Minutes Approval.**

Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the following minutes.

- i. February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012-Regular Board Meeting
- ii. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012-Special Called Meeting

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

**b) Resolution 2012-03**

Commissioner Glass stated that Resolution 2012-03 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia was a wording change to the Home Occupations Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Glass made a motion to accept the Resolution 2012-03 for the purpose of amending certain text revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**c) Software Purchase**

- County Administrator Zellner presented a proposal for a new financial software package to the Chairman and the Commissioners. The software system is owned by Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the software package is known as INCODE. The total package for a 5 year subscription will be \$86,212.00 with yearly maintenance hardware of approximately \$28,000.00 which includes an automatic backup system. Zellner explained that the last system was purchased in 1992. Zellner stated that there were five software demonstrations that were

reviewed and out of all of them INCODE was the most user friendly. Zellner gave an overview of the positive features that INCODE has to offer. One important feature with this software program is the fact that the system will keep the data in real time including a purchase order approval process which will record real time encumbrances. The software system also includes a building permit module which ties directly into the Zoning Department. There is also a work order system which will link directly to the County website which will track and receive work order requests. Zellner gave a work order example of a complaint about a pothole. Zellner stated that there was \$110,000 dollars built into the contingency fund with \$50,000 dollars allocated for equipment leaving the funding well under the budgeted amount for the software package. Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the purchase of the software package and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**d) Road Paving Projects**

County Administrator Zellner explained that they have been reviewing the road maps of all county roads. Since the people voted on SPLOST he is requesting that they use \$339,680.00 in Phase II. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Phase II of the SPLOST projects. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**e) Bridge Rehabilitation –Piedmont Road over Potato Creek.**

County Administrator Zellner stated that he had received 2 Bids from C.W. Matthews on bridge repairs listed below.

- 1) \$221,997-Alt 1
- 2) \$69,824.00-Alt 2

Zellner explained that DOT has inspected the bridge and has declared it unsafe. However, he said that there was no indication as to how many inspections that would be done. He further stated that there could be some possible State and Federal funds to assist with the repairs.

**f) Surplus Property**

County Administrator Zellner presented a list of Surplus items for the Commissioners both from Administration Supply Room and the Public Works Department. Commissioner Glass made a motion to surplus the list of items presented and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Attached to the minutes is a list of surplus items.

**g) Approval of State-Wide Mutual Aide and Assistance Agreement. Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security.**

County Administrator Zellner read the statement of agreement, definitions and authorities to the Commissioners. Chairman Matthews pointed out that the agreement had already been approved by the ACCG and the Municipalities. Emergency Management Billy Campbell had no comments other than a designated person must be appointed in case of a disaster or an emergency. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the State-Wide Mutual Aide and Assistance Agreement and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**h) Senior Center Approval to Dissolve the Advisory Board**

Commissioner Hearn made a motion to dissolve the Senior Center Advisory Board and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**i) Wilmot Patching/Repair**

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the Paving Discussion on Wilmot Road. Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**j) Resolution 2012-04-TAN**

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners have found it necessary to obtain a line of credit in the sum of \$2,500,000.00 to pay expenses of the County for the calendar year 2012 at an interest rate of 2.79%. The Principal and interest will be due at maturity on December 31, 2012. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-04 and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**k) Ordinance for Sec. 202 “Home Occupation and Sec. 504. (e). “Variance procedure for location of accessory building”.**

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the reading of the Ordinance for Sec. 202 “Home Occupation and Sec. 504. (e). “Variance procedure for location of accessory building” and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**III. Public Comments**

- a) Preston Thompson of 2025 Hwy 36 East Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Commissioners with his concerns about Van Burn Road and the bump in the road. His next concern pertained to the software purchase and how it will fit into the budget. Thompson’s final concern was related to Hwy 36 and Chappell Mill Road.

- b) Billy Kitchings of 485 Old Milner Road Barnesville, Georgia wanted to thank the County Maintenance Department for the great job they had done out on Grove Street. He also addressed the Commissioners with his concerns about Hwy 18 and the kids crossing the street. He would like to see a Traffic Light put in place. Chairman Matthews stated that Hwy 18 was maintained by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Kitchings made a final comment which was related to Greenco and how much longer they will be in business. Chairman Matthews stated that he could not comment on this matter.
- c) Norman Sahlbom of 127 Mill Pond Road Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Commissioners with his concerns about the millage rate and the property taxes in Lamar County. He urged the Commissioners to control their spending.
- d) Deborah Whiting and Sandra Long who live on Harmony Hill Ranch Road Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Commissioners with their concerns about the condition of the road and what can be done to fix the bad spots in the road.
- e) Bob Sanek addressed the Commissioners in regards to his concerns about purchasing a new software program that would cost \$86,000 and the millage rate increase.

**IV. Round Table**

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

**V. Executive Session and Adjournment**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to go into executive session at approximately 8:16 p.m. to discuss Litigation. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to discuss Litigation and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 9.00 p.m. with no action taken and adjourned the meeting.

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

