

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
November 1st, 2011
8:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, Officer Manager Davidson and County Attorney Mayfield.

II. Discussion

a. Extension of Greenco

Chairman Matthews called the meeting in order to discuss the legal issue with the order to shut down the Greenco Environmental operation on November 17th, 2011. Chairman Matthews read an email from Michelle Battle, attorney for Greenco. The Commissioners from DeKalb County are planning a site visit at 3:00 p.m. on November 17th, 2011 and Chairman Matthews requested that Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner and Attorney Mayfield be present for the meeting. There was discussion about the date in which to enforce the closing of the Greenco facility. Attorney Mayfield says an order may not be necessary but they could just send a letter to enforce the order for November 11th.

Commissioner Thrash heard that DeKalb County plans to treat the composting facility as a lined landfill. Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners continued the discussion on the shutdown of Greenco and all agreed that the closing on November 17th would allow the citizens to enjoy their Thanksgiving. There were discussions about padlocking the building and Attorney Mayfield stated that if Greenco files for bankruptcy, the bankruptcy judge could rule over the superior court judge. The bankruptcy judge could also allow Greenco to operate in order to pay creditors.

There was further discussion about extending the deadline until March, 2012. Chairman Matthews also stated that it could be a year from now before he finishes turning. Therefore it would be beneficial to enforce the closure by November 17th. Chairman Matthews and Attorney Mayfield stated that they have milestones in place in the draft order and that Greenco is required to give updates every other week. According to Attorney Mayfield if there is a hearing in DeKalb County and Greenco gets the permit approval then they have until May 11, 2012 but if they don't grant the hearing then Greenco is shut down in March.

The Commissioners also decided that there would be no turning of the windrows on weekends. Attorney Mayfield suggested that more guidance be discussed in executive session.

b. Update on Budget

The County Administrator gave an update on the SPLOST and the General Fund Budget. To balance out General Fund there is \$384,000 less in expenditures than in revenue and in the SPLOST is right at \$159,000 under. He also stated there would be another workshop in December to discuss finishing the budget and a Public Hearing to approve the budget. The Budget needs to be approved by the end of December.

c. Blighted Tax

Building and Zoning director addressed the Commissioners with going forward with the Ordinance to amend the Lamar County code to provide taxation on blighted property. Also, he brought up the numbering system for county roads where some houses are in our county and it doesn't match the other numbers in other counties. The 911 system continues to have problems due to the mismatch in the numbering system in Pike, Lamar, Monroe and Butts County. Gunter proposed to the Commissioners that they have an agreement on how to number the roads. It was proposed that the County Attorney look into this issue.

III. Executive Sessions Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash called for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation at approximately 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 9:45 a.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: _____
Robert Zellner, County Administrator

