

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, Office Manager Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Commissioner Horton gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended to include Ordinance 2011-06 an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance however Attorney Mayfield interjected that any amendment of the Zoning Ordinance would have to go before the Planning Commission before it can be reviewed and voted on by the Commissioners. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the agenda without the amendment. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion.

**IV. Proclamation**

Commissioner Thrash read a Proclamation proclaiming October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**V. Discussions**

- a) The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2011-5 Code Enforcer was read by County Administrator Zellner. The Ordinance is created by which the enforcer reports directly to the County Administrator and/ or the County Commissioners. The Ordinance gives the enforcer the authority to investigate code violations, building inspections, and the right to stop work orders. This ordinance gives the enforcer the right to enforce the codes of the county. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2011-5 and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- b) The Paving Projects included on the agenda was tabled by Chairman Matthews.
- c) County Administrator Zellner presented a request from Robert Hiatt with Three Rivers Regional Commission to replace one transit bus included in the

FY2013 budget for a cost of \$4,410. This request is based on the high cost of maintenance and for that reason he is requesting that they replace the bus now. Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners agreed to the request as long it does not go over and above the already budgeted amount. Vice-Chairman Hearn made the motion to approve the request and Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- d) CPA Robyn Underwood gave an overview of the 2010 Audit Report to the Chairman and the Commissioners. CPA Underwood encouraged the Chairman and The Commissioners to contact her with any questions that they may have regarding the Audit. The report is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

#### **VI. Minutes Approval**

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

- Regular Business Meeting September 20th, 2011.
- Workshop Meeting October 10th, 2011

#### **VII. Public Comments**

Britt Lifsey, Nancy Anderson and Karen Jackson with the 2011 Lamar Leadership Class came to attend the Lamar County Board of Commissioners meeting. Lifsey was nominated to be their spokesperson and stated that as a part of their homework assignment they are to attend 2 meetings around the City and County.

Dottie Eldridge addressed the Commissioners stating that Dolly Goodpuppy Society is a canine rescue non-profit organization supported by donations and fundraisers. Dolly Goodpuppy just recently was named Ambassador to the Atlanta Humane Society. She wanted to let everyone know about The Atlanta Humane Society trailer which will be making rounds to various locations throughout Georgia over the course of the year and will provide low cost spay and neuter services. She also stated that there would be a fund raiser on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 from 01:00pm - 04:00pm called Barks & Boos. More information about their organization and events can be found at [dollygoodpuppy.org](http://dollygoodpuppy.org).

Preston Thompson spoke about the transit buses and stated that how the buses are driven determines the maintenance that has to be done on the buses. He also wanted assurance from the Commissioners that everyone would have to pay the fire and ambulance fee. Chairman Matthews assured Thompson that everyone will have to pay the fire and ambulance fee.

#### **VIII. Round Table**

Chairman Matthews called for Round Table and there were no comments from the Commissioners.

**IX. Adjournment and Executive Session**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate and litigation at approximately 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hearn and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 8:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Jimmy Hearn, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Member

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Charles Glass, Member

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Nancy M. Thrash-Member

Attest:

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Robert Zellner, County Administrator