

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19<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, Financial Analyst Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Reverend John Norman gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended with the motion to add Board Appointment to the Lamar County Senior Citizens Committee and Resolution 2011\_4 Surplusing of bleachers. Commissioner Glass made the motion to amend the agenda and Vice-Chairman Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IV. Presentation of Proclamation's**

Chairman Matthews read a Proclamation declaring the month of April Lamar Arts Month. Vice-Chairman Hearn made the motion to approve the Proclamation and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Matthews also presented U'landa Barkley and her staff a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Horton made the motion to approve the Proclamation and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**V. Discussions**

**A. Board Appointments**

- i. Commissioner Horton motioned to re-appoint John Dixson of Barnesville to the Board of Appeals and Vice-Chairman Hearn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.
- ii. Commissioner Glass motioned to appoint Dalene McCallister of Redbone Community to the Lamar County Senior Citizens Committee. Vice-Chairman Hearn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

**B. "Special Exception" App. #2011-01 b the Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ".**

Chairman Matthews called for a Public Hearing to discuss the Special Exception for the Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Richard Adams pastor for the Church came forward to discuss the two week period for building a parking lot on their property. Mr. Adams expressed his desire to be given more time to bring the parking lot up to code. He also stated that down the road the church would like to have the right to pursue acquiring highway access to the four lane in the advent they are able to build a new church one day. Commissioner Thrash made the motion to approve the special exception presented and Vice-Chairman Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VI. Three Rivers- Contract for Public Transportation**

Commissioner Horton called for a motion to continue providing the transportation service to the county. The Contract of \$6,254 is for 2012. Commissioner Glass seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**VII. Resolution 2011-3-Line of Credit**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve a Line of Credit to fund the expenses of the county until the Tax Revenues come in at the end of the year. The loan will come from United Bank for 2.5 million with a rate of 3.093. This loan will carry the county for about 5 months. The loan will be paid off at the end of the year. Commissioner Thrash wanted it to be noted that the commissioners be notified before there is a tap into the line of credit. Chairman Matthews stated that the printouts of all bank transactions including the line of credit are given to the Chairman and the Commissioners prior to transactions being processed. Vice-Chairman Hearn made the motion to approve Resolution 2011\_3 and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VIII. Resolution 2011-4-Surplusing of Bleachers**

Chairman Matthews stated that 2 sets of bleachers be surplused from the Recreation Department. Commissioner Thrash asked what would happen to the funds and Chairman Matthews stated that it would be deposited back into the account it was originally taken from. Commissioner Glass made the motion to approve Resolution 2011\_4 and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IX. Fire and Ambulance Fee Waiver Requests**

Charles Glass addressed the commissioners with fee appeals that didn't fall up under the already established exceptions. The list included 12 Approved, 10 denials and 1 pending.

Vice-Chairman Hearn made the motion to approve the 12 approved and the 10 denial appeals and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Matthews stated that they would review the pending amount at a later time.

**X. Building Permit Fees**

Chairman Matthews tabled this discussion due to the absence of Danny Gunter and Wimpy Vaughn.

**XI. Barnesville Saddle Equine Center**

Chairman Matthews stated that the Equine Center be taken out of the list at the request of Bobby Burnette and Blane Rehak.

**XII. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the regular business meeting minutes dated March 15th, 2011 and the special called meeting minutes dated March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 and the workshop meeting minutes dated April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Vice-Chairman Hearn motioned to approve the minutes and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**XIII. Round Table**

Commissioner Horton shared with the citizens that he was sworn in on the Health County Board and had a very fruitful meeting with Jackie Brown.

Commissioner Glass praised the Public Works, Sheriff and Fire Department for the hard work they did during the storms of the past weeks.

Vice-Chairman Hearn stated that the commissioners are continuing to review the budget and the fire and ambulance fee system and will continue to research the fairest way to charge the citizens. He further stated that there still is a possibility of a millage increase.

Commissioner Thrash thanked everyone for their prayers, calls and visits as she underwent a successful heart surgery last month. .

**XIV. Adjournment and Executive Session**

Chairman Matthews made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel at approximately 7:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thrash and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 8:18 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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Carlette Davidson, Financial Analyst