

‘LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 20th, 2013
7:00 p.m.

I. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting

Chairman Jay Matthews came out of the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 7:41 p.m. Present for the meeting were Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Charles Glass, County Administrator Robert Zellner, and Financial Analyst Carlette Davidson.

II. Agenda Amendment

Chairman Matthews called for an amendment to the agenda with the addition of Octavia Jackson to the library board replacing Reverend Underwood and the addition of Bobby Burnette to the Department of Family Children’s Service Board (DFACS). Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the two additions and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

II Minutes Approval

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the following minutes.

- a. Regular Business Meeting Minutes- July 16th, 2013
- b. Workshop Meeting-July 9th, 2013
- c. Workshop Meeting-July 24th, 2013
- d. Workshop Meeting-August 2nd, 2013

Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Nuisance Ordinance

Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter read a proposal to amend article IV entitled Nuisances to amend section 2-13-60 entitled “Acts constituting nuisances designated” to repeal conflicting ordinances to provide an effective date and for other purposes. The proposed changes to the Lamar County Code Chapter 2-13, Article IV adding a new subparagraph (7) that shall read as follows:

7) In Residential zoned areas (AR, ER, R-1 R-2, R-3, R-4 P-M, P-R and O-I) with outdoor activities, electronically amplified sound or music from any source shall not be so loud to be determined a public nuisance. The following times and distances provide guidance for the determination of a Noise Nuisance:

- a. Any plainly audible sound at 100 feet from the property line of the noise emanating site between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday.

- b. Any plainly audible sound at 50 feet from the property line of the noise emanating site between the hours of 10:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 midnight through 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the addition to the nuisance ordinance. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash and Vice-Chairman Horton opposed the change to the nuisance ordinance. The motion tied with a 2-2 vote. Chairman Matthews broke the tie by approving the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

IV. Discussions

Denise Connell from the Lamar Tax Commissioners Office read the Charge on/Charge Off Digest which is from July 01, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the Charge on/Charge off as submitted by the Tax Commissioners office. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The report is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Rezoning Application #2013-02 by Cheryl Idol to rezone approximately 3.84 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to R3 (Single-Family Residential). The property is located on the south west corner of Weldon Lake Road and Whispering Pines Trail in Land Lot 35 of the 3rd Land District, as shown on Tax Map 030, Parcel 056: and recorded in Plat Book 16, page 302, and in Deed Book 714, Page 231 and Deed Book 713, Page 298. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve Special Exception 2013-02 by Arthur H. English IV Special Exception 2013-02 by Arthur H. English IV to allow an Agritourism activity in an A-R (Agricultural-Residential) district. The property is located on Chappell Mill Road and High Falls Park Road in Land Lot 164 of the 3rd Land District, as shown on Tax map 071, Parcel 012 and recorded in Plat book 16, page 277, and in Deed Book 471, page 230. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion with approved requirements specified by the Board of Appeals below. The motion passed 4-0.

- A. Outdoor Sound amplification confined to 11:00 a.m. to 9: 00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and limited to 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- B. Outdoor Sound Amplification to pertain to use of PA and Music.

V. Board Appointments

Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Angela Preston and Danny English to the Planning Commission for a term of four years. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the appointment Mr. Michael Brutz, Dr. E.H. Harris, Mrs. Diane Harvey, Mrs. Linda Olivier, Mr. Tim Turner, and Ms. Octavia Jackson to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of two years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Approval of Purchases

- VI.** County Administrator Robert Zellner presented several purchases from SPLOST needing Commissioner approval. These purchases are as follows:
- A. Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion- \$23,257.79
 - B. Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion-\$8,000.00
 - C. Hanson's Quarry-\$7848.41
 - D. Hanson's Quarry-\$8672.73

County Administrator Robert Zellner presented a purchase from Fireline Inc. for five additional self-contained breathing units as per the original grant items received using the balance of the funds from the original grant. The cost of the units is a total of \$31,063.05 dollars of which \$30,039.00 came from the AFG/FEMA Grant. The remaining difference is a total of \$1024.05. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the difference in funds for the second phase of the fire equipment purchase. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

VII. County Administrator Report

County Administrator Robert Zellner provided a report to the Board. The report included the following matters of the county.

- A. Paving of Jones Road
- B. Resurfacing of Moore Street for the City of Milner.
- C. Defensive Driving Course
- D. Traffic Study on Johnstonville Road
- E. Fire Station Dedication on September 11th, 2013

VIII Public Comments

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia gave her monthly Lamar County Humane Society Report. Ms. Eskridge shared recent issues with dogs and cats being left on the doorsteps of her house and Mrs. Joyce Farmer's house. Ms. Eskridge requested food donations such as canned goats milk for the animals that are being left on the doorsteps of Ms. Farmer's home. Ms. Eskridge approached the Board about building an animal shelter using SPLOST as a means of funding.

Anthony Sharpe of Locust Grove, Georgia came before the Board with concerns about a house next door to a church he pastors on Aldora Street. Mr. Sharpe shared pictures of the house with the Board and stated that the house reeks of

sewer, has exposed wiring and is basically falling off of its foundation. Mr. Sharpe strongly requested that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners do something in regards to this house because he feels that not only is it a health hazard to the church members but that the insurance on the church property has gone up over \$600.00 dollars. Chairman Matthews stated that Code Enforcement is already looking into this matter and told Mr. Sharpe that the proper channels with the court system would have to be followed.

X. Round Table

Commissioner Glass stated that the Public Works Department is responding to the request for right of ways to be mowed but with all of the rain in recent months it will take a while to get it all done. Mr. Glass requested patience from everyone regarding this matter.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Charles Glass, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest:

Robert Zellner, County Administrator