

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
July 21st, 2015
7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman Van Baker, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Robert Heiney, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, and Attorney Scott Mayfield. County Clerk Carlette Davidson was absent for the meeting. Human Resource and Payroll Specialist Susan Milner was present for the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of allegiance. Bennie Horton gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the May 12, 2015 Workshop Minutes, June 16, 2015 Regular Business Meeting Minutes, July 1, 2015 Workshop Minutes and the July 9, 2015 Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. National Association of Counties (NACO) Membership

Rockdale County Chairman Richard Oden gave a presentation to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners regarding the NACO membership. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the annual membership with annual dues being \$450.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Resolution 2015-06 to Adopt a Moratorium

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-06 approving the adoption of a Moratorium on signs and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Resolution 2015-07 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners discussed raising the tax-anticipated line of credit from \$3 million to \$4 million. County Administrator Bob Zellner stated that only about 21 percent of this year's budgeted funds have been collected thus far.

"I don't think this has historically ever happened in the county where we've had this kind of cash flow problem and this kind of issue with the revenues not coming in," said Commissioner Thrash. "It's a cash flow issue," said Commission Chairman Charles Glass. The Board discussed the cash flow issue with having to borrow the extra 1 million dollars. Commissioner Thrash requested that she be notified anytime that there is a draw down on the extra 1 million dollar TAN Note.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-07 Tan Anticipation Note (TAN) with the administrative addition that the Commissioners receive notification each time there is a drawdown on the extra \$ 1 million dollar (TAN). Commissioner Horton seconded the motion.

VIII. Board Appointments

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Mildred Merchant to the Lamar County Board of Appeals for a term of three years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Surplus of Bush Cutter

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the surplus of the Bush Cutter MT525 with serial number 2061 and Vice-Chairman Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Ambulance Service

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve an amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement with Lamar County eliminating the amount of \$29,584.00 paid to them each month. The agreement also recognizes the name change from Mid Georgia Ambulance to Community Ambulance. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Community Ambulance service agreed to waive all fees effective August 1, 2015. Commissioner Thrash commended them on the phenomenal job that they do for Lamar County.

XI. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner read his overview report of County activities as follows.

1. Gave an update on the Recreation Complex located on Hwy 36. They had a test strip sprayed for grass management and are looking at cost effectiveness of chemical spraying the right of ways to help with mowing.
2. Gave an update on the Public Works building stating that they are completing the painting and moving over equipment from the old building.
3. Public Works finished the replacement of the overflow grate at the Haygood Farm watershed off 83 Hwy. Soil Conservation paid for the material and we built and installed it.
4. Georgia Asphalt began resurfacing Yatesville Road and will resurface from Hwy 341 to Davis Road with just the topcoat and level and resurface to the county line.

XII. Public Comments

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street addressed the board with a monthly report from the human society. Ms. Eskridge stated that they took five dogs and five cats to Fort Valley for spaying and neutering.

XIII. Round Table

Commissioner Horton commended Mr. Oden for his presentation and requested that we pray for our country.

Vice-Chairman Baker stated that the Animal Shelter committee sent out 300 letters soliciting contributions. The Community Foundation has already received some contributions and will take any contribution that people are willing to give. All donations are tax deductible.

Commissioner Thrash stated that Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp visited the county along with Senator Marty Harbin. Commissioner Thrash stated that she serves on the ACCG Board of Managers and is the chairperson for the Health & Wellness Board and Commissioner Horton is assisting.

Chairman Glass reported that the Sheriff's Office is sponsoring the "National Night out Against Crime". The locations are at the Milner City Park & Summer's Field Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be food, games and prizes. Chairman Glass thanked Commissioner Thrash for inviting Chairman Oden and he thanked Chairman Oden for attending the meeting.

IX. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Van Baker, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk