

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
July 15th, 2014
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman Charles Glass, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, County Clerk Carlette Davidson. Absent for the meeting was Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. Chairman Matthews gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Amendment

Chairman Matthews called for an amendment to the agenda requesting that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Horton made the motion to amend the agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at approximately 7:40 p.m.

IV. Old Business

County Administrator Zellner addressed the board stating that in the April Regular Business meeting the Board had approved the purchase of new furniture for the E911dispatch office for a price of \$15,463.53. Administrator Zellner stated that an additional \$1,693.44 was needed to purchase the new furniture for the E911dispatch office. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the difference in price of \$1,693.44 bringing the total cost to \$17,156.97. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the difference of \$1,693.44 and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the July 15th, 2014 regular business meeting minutes and the July 24th, 2014 workshop minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dolly Goodpuppy

Pat Peurifoy addressed the Board with her recommendation for each of them to read the book Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation and the No Kill Revolution in America. Redemption is the story of animal sheltering in the United States, a movement that was born of compassion and then lost its way. It is the story of the 'No Kill' movement, which says we can and must stop the killing. But most of all, it is a story about believing in the community and trusting in the power of compassion. The movement started in San Francisco where healthy dogs and cats were being killed. Mrs. Peurifoy stated that saving healthy, non-dangerous animals is the right thing to do. Mrs. Peurifoy stated that the book talks about the things that do work and the things that don't work when operating a No Kill shelter on a small town budget. Mrs. Peurifoy stated that facilities that have more space can take more animals that need to be quarantined. Spay

Board of Elections-Acknowledgment of Board Member Appointment

The Milner City County met on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and accepted the resignation of Mr. Richard Smith to the Lamar County Board of Elections and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Robert R. Becker to fill the void. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to acknowledge the appointment of Mr. Robert R. Becker to the Lamar County Board of Elections. Commissioners Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Audit Report

Robyn Underwood gave a report on the 2013 financials to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Baker inquired about the differences between the 2013 budget comparison report figures and the 2013 financial final audit figures. Ms. Underwood explained about the current and past year receivables and the adjustments that are made to the budget that reflect the differences in the figures. Ms. Underwood noted that she did not receive the Actuarial Report therefore it was not included in the audit. The Financial Report is attached to the minutes. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the 2013 Audit Report and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Contract with Public Defender Office

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the contract with the Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Administrator's Report

County Administrator stated that C.W. Matthews will start resurfacing Crawford Road on Thursday provided it doesn't rain. They are also interviewing local haulers for the job. Administrator Zellner reported that the radar sign on Fellowship road recorded 4686 vehicles with 41 miles per hour as the average speed.

X. Public Comments

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street, Barnesville, Georgia reported that there are lots of kittens at the pound and that 1 rescue group had adopted 14 plus kittens. Ms. Eskridge stated that the longer they stay in the pound the more likely they are to pick up a disease. Ms. Eskridge recommended that any kittens or cats adopted from the pound be quarantined away from other animals. Ms. Eskridge encouraged the citizens to do the right thing when taking care of their animals. Ms. Eskridge reminded people to have your cats spayed or neutered and that there are a lot of low cost places to have your animal spayed or neutered. Ms. Eskridge also inquired about who to contact in regards to getting a red light at the intersection of Grove Street and Hwy 341. Commissioner Thrash stated that she would need to contact the Georgia Department of Transportation and volunteered to do this for Ms. Eskridge.

Preston Thompson of Hwy 36 East, Milner, Georgia addressed the board stating that he had seen tents behind the Administration Building and wanted to know what was going on and who paid for it. Vice-Chairman Glass replied that it was a county-wide employee cookout and that the County paid for the cookout. Mr. Thompson said that he would like to have a millage rebate. Mr. Thompson wanted to know who owned the building next door to the Administration Building because he had seen a lot of cars and playing going on at that building. Vice-Chairman Glass replied that it was not county property but that Georgia Rural Water owns the building. Mr. Thompson inquired about the horse track noise ordinance. Mr. Thompson stated that nothing has been done such as trees planted to buffer the noise level. Vice-Chairman Glass stated that he had not heard of a noise level complaint until tonight's meeting. Commissioner Thrash stated that she had worked with the Sheriff's department and Mr. Thompson's complaint last week and that the noise level was worse at Mr. Thompson's house than at the Horse Track. Vice-Chairman Glass stated that he would get with code enforcement on this issue.

X. Round Table

Commissioner Horton stated that all elected officials that took an oath should support the county and it is their responsibility to do their jobs. Commissioner Horton said that we all bleed red and asked everyone beyond the board to accept responsibilities to support the county.

Commissioner Baker reported that they had met with the contractor about building an animal shelter and that they have a number but that they are a long ways from actually getting the money to build the shelter.

Commissioner Thrash welcomed Major Holmes back to the county since being away from duty because of a work related accident and praised her for being in good health.

Commissioner Glass encouraged everyone to vote.

XI. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the executive session and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____ Absent _____
Jay Matthews, Chairman

Charles Glass, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk