

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 was Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Charles Glass, County Administrator Robert Zellner, and Financial Analyst Carlette Davidson

**II Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Business Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**III. Special Exception App. # 2013-02**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table Special Exception 2013-02 by Arthur H. English IV to allow an Agritourism activity in an A-R (Agricultural-Residential) district until the Board of Appeals approves the exception. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IV. Draft Resolution 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 and effective date and for other purposes. The Board discussed a model ordinance adopted by Athens-Clarke County that is approved by the Supreme Court. The Board agreed to table the approval of the Nuisance Ordinance until the next meeting.

**V. Department of Family and Children Service Board Appointment**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the appointment of Annie Bush to the Lamar County Board of Family and Children Services for a term of four years. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VI. Surplus of County Vehicles**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the surplus of two vehicles that are being retired from the fire departments fleet. These vehicles include a 1997

Chevrolet Suburban and a 1987 Ford 8000. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VII. Intoxilyzer Grant # B82-8-417**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the invoice for an Intoxilyzer in the amount of \$9033.00. The Sheriff Department has been awarded Grant # B82-417 in the amount of \$9000.00 to reimburse expenses for the purchase of an Intoxilyzer. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

**VIII. County Administrator Report**

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

1. Paving of Jones Road
2. 2014 LMIG funding
3. Head Walls on Culvert at Parker Branch Road
4. Grove Street & Bottoms Road Repair
5. Traffic Study on Johnstonville Road
6. Fire Station completion.

**IV. Public Comments**

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia gave her monthly Lamar County Humane Society Report. The Humane Society continues to participate in the Pet Smart adoption each month. Ms. Eskridge stated that they have plenty of dogs and cats available for adoption. Ms. Eskridge also approached the Board about a combined City and County pound facility using SPLOST as a means of funding. Commissioner Baker requested that Ms. Eskridge setup a joint meeting with the City and the County to discuss this matter.

Preston Thompson of Hwy 36 East, Milner, Georgia addressed the Board with his concerns about the trucks on Hwy 36 and the fact that there is a lot of jake braking going on with the sand and log trucks. He requested that there be signs set up that read "NO JAKE BRAKES".

**Fern Gentis** of 108 Cedar Ridge Road in Jackson, Georgia addressed the Board with her concerns about the liability involvement the County has with the Agritourism venues.

Tonya Horton of 1206 City Pond Road, Milner, Georgia addressed the Board with her thoughts on the noise ordinance, the dangers of having a ball field at the property on Hwy 36 that is owned by the county and the possibility of building a new animal control facility.

**X. Round Table**

There was no round table discussion.

**XI. Adjournment and Executive Session**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The Commissioners came out of executive session at approximately 9:38 p.m. and no action was taken.

**THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

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Charles Glass, Commissioner

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Van Baker, Commissioner

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Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

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Robert Zellner, County Administrator