

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Thrash made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IV. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**V. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Ordinance 2013-01 Agritourism**

Building and Zoning Director Gunter read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Agritourism Ordinance 2013-01. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the second reading and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Agritourism Ordinance 2013-01 as read. The motion passed 4-0.

**VI. Nuisance Ordinance**

Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter read 4 iterations for a proposed change to the Lamar County Code Chapter 2-13, Article IV. Chairman Matthews stated that this would be something for the Commissioners to consider.

**VII. Body Art Work Fees**

Seth Woodrow from the Lamar County Health Department presented reasons to the Board for imposing a fee for all of the tattoo and body artwork businesses. Mr. Woodrow stated that this would give them the ability to recoup funds before they inspect the facilities for cleanness, sterilization and a safe environment. They

would not be able to obtain a license until the inspection is approved. Mr. Woodrow stated that the body art fee schedule was previously approved by the Board of Health and that the fee schedule is comparable to the surrounding counties. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the body art fee schedule Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**VIII. Surplus of County Vehicle**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to surplus the county Ford Expedition through the website GovDeals and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**IX. FEMA Grant-Firefighter's Equipment.**

Fire Chief Steve Andrews addressed the Board with news that the fire department had received the AFG/FEMA Grant in the amount of \$317,400.00 dollars. The grant will be used to purchase fifty five self-contained breathing units. The current units are out of compliance. The grant requires a five percent match from the county. Chief Andrews requested funds from the county in the amount of \$15,870.00 dollars which will secure the \$301,530.00 dollars satisfying the total grant amount of \$317,400.00 dollars. The county's portion of the grant will secure about two and a half units while the remaining \$301,530.00 dollars will purchase about fifty two and a half units for free. The old units will be shipped to Ecuador. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the county's portion of the grant and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**X. Victoria Stewart-Conservation Use Penalty**

The Board discussed refunding Ms. Stewart an overpayment of \$16,197.86 dollars for which she wrongfully breached. The conservation use penalty Ms. Stewart originally paid was \$21,909.06 dollars however Ms. Stewart should have only paid \$5,711.20 dollars. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the \$16,197.86 dollar refund and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**XI. Public Comments**

Tonya Horton of 1206 City Pond Road, Barnesville, Georgia voiced her concerns to the Board in regards to the Agritourism Ordinance.

Shirley White of 1296 City Pond Road, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Board with her recommendations for setting a decibel level for the county. Ms. White also stated that she wished the horse track was not there, that Cyprus trees be planted to hide the horse track and concluded with the statement that the Board doesn't care about the people who live there.

Michele Moran of 273 High Falls Road, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Board with her concerns with the horse track. Her concerns included the noise level, the consumption of alcohol, underage drinking and driving, traffic, immigration laws, gambling, admission fees to the horse track and the fact that Mr. Brutz English does not have a current business license. Ms. Moran stated that her mother is often in tears about the noise level and that she moved from Atlanta to Barnesville so that she did not have to live in such an environment.

Greg Williams of 420 Forsyth Street, Barnesville, Georgia requested that Board keep Robert Neal Devane and the family in their prayers as he had been hospitalized with congestive heart failure. He currently is in the Macon Coliseum Hospital.

**XII. Round Table**

There were no round table discussions.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Matthews called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The electricity in the building went out due to severe weather. The time of adjournment was approximately 7:55 p.m.

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