

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
November 18th, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 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 . Attorney Scott Mayfield was absent for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. Commissioner Thrash gave the invocation.

Agenda Amendment

Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Probate Court Appointment of Solicitor

Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to make a formal appointment to approve Scott Johnson as the court solicitor. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Towaliga Budget

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the contract with Bettis and Howard for the conflict cases from July 1st, 2014 to July 1st, 2015 for approximately \$18,000.00 a year with authorization from the Chairman to sign the contract. Vice-Chairman Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval

Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to approve the October 21st, 2014 Public Hearing meeting minutes and the October 21st 2014 regular business meeting minutes. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Barnesville Library Board Appointment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Mr. Bill Lindsey, Dr. E.H. Harris, Mrs. Pate Edwards, Mr. Britt Lifsey, Mrs. Amanda Buice and Mrs. Pippa Lee Davis to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board. The term is for a two-year period beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2016. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of Sheriff Vehicle

Commissioner Horton made a motion to purchase a 2014 Dodge Charger automobile used by the Sheriff Department. Vice-Chairman Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Animal Shelter Committee

Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to approve Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Thrash and Mr. Fred Morris to serve on the newly formed Animal Shelter Committee. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the board stating that she has a senior citizen in need of hay for a donkey and a horse. Ms. Eskridge also stated that the humane society needs a barn to put all the feral cats in Barnesville in. The Humane Society will trap the cats and then spay, neuter and clip their ears. Ms. Eskridge also stated that the Humane Society is selling the bricks to honor your pets.

Preston Thompson of Hwy 36 East, Milner, Georgia addressed the board stating that he has been picking up cans and suggested that they might be able to sell the cans and donate the earnings to the future animal shelter. Mr. Thompson voiced his concerns about the noise level at the Horse Track owned by Brutz English and the wedding venue located on Highway 36. Mr. Thompson urged the Board to enforce the noise ordinance.

Wanda Brothers of Redbud Drive, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the board with her concerns about the location of the Animal Shelter. Ms. Brothers stated that she is afraid that the nature trail will no longer be accessible to the public and that the land beside the Sheriff's office will not be able to support a nice enough building. Ms. Brothers suggested to the Board that purchase land on the by-pass so that citizens would have better access to the animal shelter.

Round Table

Vice-Chairman Glass thanked everyone that voted for him to be the Chairman of Lamar County Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment and Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session at approximately 8:22 p.m. with no action taken.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Charles Glass, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk