

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**September 16, 2014**  
**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 Charles Glass, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, County Clerk Carlette Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. Clifford Barber gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Amendment**

Chairman Matthews called for an amendment to the agenda with the addition of the widening of Hwy 36, surplus of a recreation vehicle and a door to door salesman presentation from Sheriff White. Commissioner Horton made a motion to amend the agenda with the additions and Vice-Chairman Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

**Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the August 19th, 2014 regular business meeting minutes and the August 28th, 2014 special called meeting minutes with a clerical change to the minutes. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Categorization Change to Resolution 2014-09 BOE Millage Rate**

The Board approved resolution 2014-09 with the total BOE millage rate of 18.736 at a special called meeting on August 28, 2014. However, according to the State, the tax levy for each entity had to be broken out into two separate resolutions to show each type of tax levy from the Board of Education.

Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10 M&O Millage Rate for the Lamar Board of Education to Levy a Tax and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-11 Bond Repayment Millage Rate for the Lamar Board of Education to Levy a Tax and Vice-Chairman Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution 2014-12 September Special Workforce Development Month**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve a resolution designating the month of September as Workforce Development Professionals Month honoring those individuals in all of the workforce development organizations and partnerships who play a vital role in our economy. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Appointment-Building and Zoning Planning Commission**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Mr. Gerald Thompson to the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years and Vice-Chairman Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Surplus of Donated Piano to the Senior Center**

A piano was donated years ago to the Senior Center and after inspection from Cook's Piano service it was determined that the piano is beyond permanent repair due to the humidity damage and the quality of the piano itself upon donation. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to surplus the piano and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Health Insurance Renewal**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical coverage effective October 1, 2014 replacing United Healthcare. The total cost of the premium will be \$593.00 with a \$2500.00 deductible and an 80 percent co-insurance. The employee contribution will be \$16.00 per bi-weekly payroll and \$34.66 per monthly payroll during the month of October without an increase allowing time for decisions to be made on how to handle the additional increase in premium.

Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion requesting that a letter be sent to all employees notifying them of a possible increase in premium. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Door to Door Salesman-Sheriff White**

Sheriff Brad White addressed the Board with a warning about door to door salesman being spotted in Lamar County. Sheriff White stated that these salesmen are selling vacuum cleaners and Windex. The Sheriff told the Board that he would like to see Lamar County adopt an ordinance for a peddlers permit so that the code of law meant for this type of ordinance can be enforced.

## **Surplus of Recreation Vehicle**

County Administrator Zellner reported to the Board that the recreation department had been vandalized. Administrator Zellner said that a concession stand was broken into the previous Saturday or Sunday night. A roll-up door to the concession building was damaged when the vandals pried it open. Administrator Zellner said that softballs and baseballs were used to damage refrigerators, light fixtures, windows, doors, and coolers. They spray painted the building and a scoreboard. An old Dodge Ram 150 truck was also spray painted with graffiti and all of the windows to the truck were broken. Administrator Zellner stated that five juveniles, ages 14 and 15, had been apprehended in connection with the vandalism.

Administrator Zellner requested that the truck be surplused since it had not been running and was not being used. Commissioner Horton made a motion to surplus the damaged truck and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **V. New Business**

### **Discussion and Resolution –Hwy 36 Four Lane**

The board began a discussion on the widening of Hwy 36 to I-75. Commissioner Thrash read a letter of proposal to send to the Georgia Department of Transportation requesting that the Board meet with them to discuss local issues and improvements regarding the expansion of Hwy 36 to I-75. The board discussed the pros and cons of sending the letter. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the letter as presented to the board requesting a meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Glass and Commissioner Horton opposed the motion. Chairman Matthews broke the 2-2 tie making the vote 3-2 approving the letter.

Vice-Chairman Glass said that the letter doesn't change the priority of the project. Vice-Chairman Glass made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution to raise the priority of the project. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Thrash opposed the motion. Chairman Matthews broke the 2-2 tie with an opposing vote making the vote 3-2 disapproving the resolution.

## **VI. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Zellner reported that the new work order program is working really well for the Public Works, Animal Control, Code Enforcement and Building and Maintenance departments. Administrator Zellner reported that there had been 6 work orders for culverts, 20 work orders for cutting the right of way, 6 pot hole work orders, and a few work orders for scrapped roads, damaged signs and tree limbs entered into the system. The next phase of the program is to implement the inventory process for the maintenance shop at the Public Works Department. The work order program is also designed so that the Commissioners can create and follow-up on all work orders through their email.

Administrator Zellner reported that he has been working with Vice-Chairman Glass on the appeal process for the difference in monies projected to be received for the cleanup from the Ice-Storm. The county has received \$5966.61 dollars for the actual days of labor that occurred during the Ice Storm.

**VII. Public Comments**

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Board requesting donations for the Human Society booth at Buggy Days. The Humane Society will sell grilled sirloin burgers with onions and cheese and homemade sweet tea. The proceeds from the sales will go towards their outstanding bills attributed to spaying and neutering animals. Beverly Eskridge also reported that she had found a home for the abandoned horse on MatBeth Road and addressed the board about the feral cat colonies in the city.

**VIII. Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Glass and Commissioner Horton asked that everyone enjoy the annual Buggy Days festival. Commissioner Baker and Thrash had no comments during the Round Table discussion.

**IX. Adjournment and Executive Session**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session at approximately 8:25 p.m. with no action taken.

**THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Charles Glass, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Van Baker, Commissioner

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Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk