

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
December 15th, 2015
7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman Van Baker, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Robert Heiney, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, County Clerk Carlette Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of allegiance. Dan Gunter gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Security Committee Team presentation. Vice-Chairman Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes.

- 1) Workshop Meeting November 12th, 2015.
- 2) Regular Business Meeting November 17th, 2015.
- 3) Public Hearing December 8th, 2015

Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. 2nd Reading Sign Ordinance-Resolution 2015-14

Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter stated that the changes to the Sign Ordinance were based on clarification and finding and purpose of the Sign Ordinance. County Attorney Mayfield recommended and approved the changes.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution 2015-14 approving the changes to the Lamar County Sign Ordinance. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Resolution 2015-15-Lease Purchase

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-15 regarding a lease purchase agreement for a total of \$204,455.00 with BB&T and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Resolution 2015-15 2016 Budget Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$9,336,945.00 including the Special Revenue Funds. The DATE fund for \$40,746.00; E-911 Fund for \$197,000.00; and the SPLOST Fund for \$1,575,000.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Appointments

- i. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Commissioner Thrash to serve as the Vice-Chairman for the year 2016. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash abstained from the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- ii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Heiney to the E911 Committee for a term of one year. Vice-Chairman Baker seconded the motion. Commissioner Heiney abstained from the vote. The motion passed 3-0.
- iii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Andy Bush to the Tax Assessor Board for a term of four years. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Irvin Trice to the Three Rivers Regional Commission as a non-public member for a term of one year. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.
- v. Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to appoint Commissioner Horton to the Three Rivers Board and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Horton abstained from the vote. The vote passed 3-0.
- vi. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Monica Walters to the Board of Elections for a term of four years. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the appointment for the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board due to significant changes to the board. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- viii. Commissioner Horton made a motion to appoint Smith, Welch, Webb and White using Scott Mayfield as the County Attorney for the year 2015. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ix. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Woodall, Wilson and Manley as the County Physician for the year 2016. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- x. Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to appoint James Butler as the County Surveyor. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Security Committee-Sheriff Brad White

Sheriff Brad White addressed the board with his proposal to form a security committee for the purpose of securing various facilities in the county. Sheriff

White stated that he had prior concerns with Lamar County School buildings and worked with Dr. Truby to have security buzzers installed on the doors. Sheriff White stated that had concerns about the security of the Tax Assessors Office, the entire Annex Building as well as all of the other buildings in the county. Sheriff White said that he would like to form a safety committee and have the committee put plans of recommendation into place. Commissioner Thrash made a motion for Sheriff White to form a security committee that would be chaired by the Sheriff with members appointed at his discretion and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. 2015 Beer and Wine Licenses

- i. For District 1, Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for C&B Convenience Store. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. For District II, Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for Hortons' Rendezvous and Deer Trail Country Club. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Horton abstained from the vote due to his interest with Hortons' Rendezvous.
- iii. For District III, Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for RamDoot D.B.A. T&J Outfitters. Vice-Chairman Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. For District IV, Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for the VFW Post 6542. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Resolution 2015-17 Department of Natural Resources Grant

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-17 which is a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County to submit a pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Contract for Indigent Defense Services

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve a contract between the Office of Circuit Public Defender of the Towaliga Judicial Circuit (Public Defender Office) and the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia as the governing authority of Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner read his overview report of County activities as follows.

- 1) County Administrator Zellner stated that he had received a request to approve an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.
- 2) A request for qualification (RFQ) for the purpose of upgrading buildings in the county related to utilities was recently advertised. County Administrator Zellner stated that he had received two bids one from ABM and the other from Mallory and Evans. The RFQ involves controls and upgrades. The RFQ will be approved at the next month's business meeting.
- 3) The board held a planning session with representatives from the Association of County Commissions of Georgia (ACCG) regarding future planning for the County. These plans include finances, county and community involvement, and IT.
- 4) Administrator Zellner stated that he sent a letter to Sam Wellborn with the Georgia DOT regarding the land on Piedmont Road. There is a meeting scheduled with Mr. Wellborn on January 7th, 2016.

XIV. Lamar County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster mitigation Act of 2000. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. Public Comments

There were no public comments

XVI. Round Table

Commissioner Horton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Heiney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and warned people of the dark roads with no lines. He stated that in the year 2016 the stripping of the roads would need to be addressed as a safety issue.

Vice-Chairman Baker said for everyone to enjoy their holidays with family.

Commissioner Thrash stated that the litter in the county is out of control and would like to see more inmates picking up trash. Commissioner Thrash stated that medical expenses for inmates have decreased by 62 million dollars due to a reduction in cost because of Medicare rates being applied to the charges.

Chairman Glass stated that there are committees established to help with the litter cleanup but that there needs to be some type of coordination with trash bags and pickup processes.

There was discussion with the Magistrate Judge Karen Jackson who attended the meeting in regards to inmates picking up trash. Ms. Jackson stated that there are options for her to assign community services and picking up trash could possibly be one of the punishments.

County Attorney Mayfield thanked the board for his re-appointment as the County Attorney.

XIX. Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Van Baker, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk