

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Mr. Barber gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Approval**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Recess for Public Hearing**

1. Rezoning App.#2015-02 by John Thornton & Martha Thornton to rezone approximately 2.00 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to C1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to allow renting the site for special events; i.e., wedding. The property is located at 791 Five Points Road, in Land Lot 27 & 38 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Land District, as shown on Tax Map 10 Parcel 007; and recorded in Plat Book 11, page 341, and in Deed Book 410, Page 320.
2. Proposed change to the Lamar County Sign Ordinance.

**V. Minutes Approval**

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

- 1) Workshop Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2) Regular Business Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Energy Audit-Mallory and Evans**

County Administrator Zellner requested that the board approve an Energy Project RFQ for a company such as Mallory and Evans. The board recently reviewed a presentation from Mallory and Evans who presented a list of annual basis savings and a possible action plan items for improving HVAC infrastructure and rising utility cost to the county.

Mallory and Evans has volunteered to assist with the RFQ. The county is not obligated to select the firm of Mallory and Evans. Mallory and Evans is a partner with ACCG. The action plan includes new LED Lightning, Plumbing and AC units for the Administration, the Courthouse, and the Jail Building. The Senior Center and other buildings in the county. The Board agreed to approve an RFQ as the first step in the process with the help of Mallory and Evans. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the RFQ for an Energy Audit and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Baggerly Property**

Commissioner Heiney commented on the Baggerly Property stating that the property owners that he had spoken to decided that they would handle the grading of the private driveway and the access issues to the property. Commissioner Heiney stated that there were issues getting in the area because of the stream on the rock bed and a hill going to the community. Some of the citizens are looking into regrading and fixing the access themselves.

**VIII. Credit Card Policy**

The board discussed the credit card policy which is a part of House Bill 92 in regards to the new laws for constitutional officers and elected officials. Chairman Glass stated that the board had communicated with the County Attorney about the current policy and reviewed the code and found that it is in compliance with the new laws.

**IX. Approval of Rezoning App # 2015-02 by John Thornton & Martha Thornton**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Approval of Rezoning App # 2015-02 by John Thornton & Martha Thornton to rezone approximately 2.00 acres from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to C1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to allow renting the site for special events; i.e., wedding. The property is located at 791 Five Points Road, in Land Lot 27 & 38 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Land District as shown on Tax Map 10 Parcel 007; and recorded in Plat Book 11, page 341, and in Deed Book 410, Page 320. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**X. First Reading of the changes to the Sign Ordinance**

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion to approve the first reading of a resolution to change the Lamar County Sign Ordinance. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution is attached to the minutes.

**XI. 2015 Budget Amendment-Resolution 2015-13**

The board reviewed a 2015 budget amendment increasing expenditures of \$174,938.00 to \$9,732,052.00 and increasing the revenues to \$174,938.00 to \$9,732,052.00.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Proposed 2016 Budget Discussion**

The board was presented the proposed budget for 2016 to review. The board decided to hold a Public Hearing before the December meeting and plan to approve the 2016 budget at the December regular business meeting. The Proposed Budget is available to review at the Administration Building and at the Barnesville Lamar County Library.

**XIII. Purchase Lawn Mower Recreation Department**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the purchase of a lawn mower for the Recreation Department from John Deere SunSouth for a purchase price of \$18,618.60. SunSouth was within the 5 percent of the lowest bid and is a local company.

Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. Surplus Vehicle- 2001 Ford Windstar LX**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Surplusing of a 2001 Ford Windstar LX located at the Recreation Department. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XV. Financial Stats**

Chairman Glass reported that the county should be about \$75,000.00 in the black at the end of the year based on the actual history. Administration is continuing to track the revenue and expenses all the way to the end of the year and that \$700,000.00 had already been applied to the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

**XVI. Administrator's Report**

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

- 1) County Administrator Zellner stated that he had a meeting with Smith and Allen Consultants in regards to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in regards to the issues with the Health Department Building. Administrator Zellner stated that he feels like that this would be a good project considering the condition

of the building. The project would be about \$500,000 and could be awarded because of the Health Departments good reputation and the fact that facility is in bad shape. Heard Round Table comments from the following.

- 2) The board is having an upcoming planning session with representatives from the Association of County Commissions of Georgia (ACCG) on 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
- 3) Administrator Zellner met with 3 Beer and Wine Vendors to go over the new application process including the increase in fees.

**XVII. Public Comments**

Fern Gentis of 108 Cedar Ridge Road addressed the board with a story about how her son had found the property she lives on and how hard she has worked to keep the place up due to her husband being incarcerated.

**XVIII. Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Baker stated that \$20,000.00 had been raised towards the Lamar County Animal Shelter and that letters for donation would be sent out soon.

Commissioner Thrash applauded the Board for contacting the legislators and voting about the truck weight proposed changes. Georgia Industries lobbied for a weight change from 80,000.00 pounds to 97,000.00 pounds. The votes paid off as the change did not pass.

Administrator Zellner stated that there is a new law that the county now has to pay for the transportation of a body to the crime lab.

Chairman Glass wished everyone a safe and great holiday season.

**XIX. Adjournment and Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for personnel and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. with no action taken.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Van Baker, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Robert Heiney, Commissioner

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Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk