

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
December 17th, 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 Charles Glass, Commissioner Van Baker, County Administrator Robert Zellner, Financial Analyst Carlette Davidson and County Attorney Scott Mayfield. Absent was Commissioner Nancy Thrash.

II. Agenda Amendment

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of acknowledgement of the resignation of Mike Brutz from the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board of Trustees and the Appointment of Lisa Tuttle to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board of Trustees. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the following minutes.

- i. November 19th, 2013-Public Hearing
- ii. November 19th, 2013-Regular Commissioner Meeting
- iii. November 25th, 2013-Workshop Minutes
- iv. December 3rd, 2013-Public Hearing
- v. December 4th, 2013-Special Called Meeting

Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Solid Waste Hazard Site Inventory Resolution

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve a solid waste hazard site inventory resolution which will allow solid waste director Johnny Poore to continue with the landfill reclamation project. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. 2014 Budget Approval-Resolution 2013-08

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adopt the 2014 Budget Resolution 2013-08 with a budget of \$ 10,012,385 dollars which includes General Funds and SPLOST Funds. The General Fund Budget is \$8,991,555.00 dollars and the SPLOST Budget is \$1,020,830.00. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board Appointments

- i. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to re-appointment Irvin Trice, a non-public member, to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The non-public member's term is for one (1) year only. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Glass made a motion to acknowledge, with Resolution 2013-09, the re-appointment of Roger Hollandsworth to the Board of Assessors for a 4 year term (1-1-2014 to 12-31-2018). Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Commissioner Glass made a motion to Acknowledge the resignation of Alice Ramseur serving on the Board of Elections (Republican Party) and motioned to acknowledge the appointment of Harold Jackson to the Board of Elections (Republican Party). Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Baker made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Mike Brutz on the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board of Trustees and motioned to appoint Lisa Tuttle to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board of Trustees. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2014 Qualifying Fees-Resolution 2013-10

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-10 for the party and public offices up for election in 2014. The qualifying fees shall be 3 percent of the minimum salary. The qualifying fees for the offices up for re-election will be published no later than February 1, 2014. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IX. 2014 Beer and Wine Licenses

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve American Legion Post 577, Beer sales by the Package and Drink. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve Hortons' Rendezvous, Beer and Wine Sales by the Drink. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Horton abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve Deer Trail Country Club, Beer Sales by the Package and Drink. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve C&B Convenience Store, Beer and Wine Sales by the Package. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve The Catfish Hole, Beer and Wine Sales by the Drink. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve RamDoot, Beer and Wines Sales by the Package. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve VFW Post 6542, Beer Sales by the Package and Drink. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Robert Zellner gave a report of county activities to the Board. The report included the following:

1. Early Warning Siren grant from GEMA for \$33,709.00.
2. Performance Evaluations from Department Heads.
3. LMIG List county portion for 2013 is \$287,003.94 dollars with the LMIG List and Cost estimates for Crawford Road, Brooks Road and Jackson Hwy totaling \$435,580.00.
4. Sheriff's Firing Range office trailer has been setup and complete.
5. C3 statement of work received for the Wireless Mesh Network.
6. Johnstonville Road update on safety improvements stating that rumble strips will be laid down on January 13th to warn drivers and if they are successful more will be ordered. Also, 35 mph advisory plates have been ordered.

XI. Public Comments

Joyce Farmer of 159 Yatesville Road, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the Board with her strong concerns towards animal cruelty. Mrs. Farmer wants cases of animal cruelty that are charged with a felony to be actually prosecuted. Mrs. Farmer requested that she would like everyone to contact the District Attorney's office in regards to this matter. Mrs. Farmer requested that the Board look into building an animal shelter with SPLOST monies.

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia reported on rescue animals and adoption of animals from the Lamar County Humane Society. The Humane Society recently had 2 dogs adopted by PetSmart Customers. Ms. Eskridge thanked Sheri Ellington for adopting a dog from the Humane Society that had previously been at the pound.

Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road thanked Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter for apologizing to her in regards to a Public Hearing sign not being displayed on her road. Chairman Matthews stated that actually it was not necessary to up a sign for zoning but that out of courtesy it should have been put up on the road. Ms. Ross also thanked Commissioner Baker for attending the meeting for the Lamar County for Concerned Citizens. Ms. Ross stated that they meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at Pastime Grill. She invited everyone else to come stating that she is now the chairperson and that they are a non-partisan group who talk about things going on in the county. Ms. Ross also thanked the Public Works department for the work that they had done on Ingram Road.

XII. Round Table

Chairman Jay Matthews announced the formation of the committee for the Animal Shelter Project stating that he would like to ask Commissioner Baker to head up this project. Chairman Matthews also announced that he will not run for Chairman and that the position is up for re-election.

Commissioner Baker agreed to head up this committee and stated that he is going to get cranked up with this project after the first of the year and that he would need a lot of help. Commissioner Baker stated that it is an expensive endeavor to have a no-kill facility. He stated that he was sorry to hear about the animal cruelty charges.

Vice-Chairman Horton congratulated the Lamar County Trojans on their football season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and that he would be seeking re-election.

Commissioner Glass congratulated all of the Trojans, including the players, the coaches, the faculty, staff and students. Commissioner Glass stated that the playoffs brought the community together and that the news coverage was good for Lamar County. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Baker stated that on the Code Red issue he is going to get involved with the Code Red call system because only about 22% of the phone owners in the county are signed up. Commissioner Baker stated that he would be putting up signs in the future about Code Red telling everyone that it is a free service to the citizen even though the county pays for the service. Commissioner Baker also stated that the Lamar County Seniors visited the Rotary Club and congratulated the Trojans and the Coaches. He concluded by saying he has completed his first year as a Commissioner and that being a Commissioner is a lot of hours and a lot work and that everyone needs to do it at least once.

XIII. Adjournment and Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The Commissioners came out of executive session at approximately 8:45.m. and continued the Regular Business Meeting. After deliberation in Executive Session, the Board voted unanimously to affirm Don Lucier's termination. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Charles Glass, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest:

Robert Zellner, County Administrator