

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Commissioner Charles Glass, Commissioner Van Baker, Commissioner Nancy Thrash, County Administrator Robert Zellner, County Clerk, Carlette Davidson and County Attorney, Scott Mayfield. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton was absent for the meeting.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. Chairman Matthews gave the invocation.

**III. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting**

Chairman Matthews reconvened the regular business meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

**IV. Agenda Amendment**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash abstained from voting due to the fact that she was absent for the December regular business meeting. Chairman Matthews voted to approve the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Lamar County Activity Center Advisory Committee**

James Holloway with the Lamar County Activity Center Advisory Committee (LCAC) gave the Board a report on the LCAC Carrera program and their communication with the Georgia National Guard. The report is attached to the minutes.

**VII. Resolution 2014-01-Tax Anticipation Note**

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners has found it necessary to obtain a line of credit in the sum of \$3,000,000.00 to pay expenses of the County for the calendar year 2014. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Resolution 2014-02 Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax –Tax Anticipation Note**

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners has found it necessary to obtain a line of credit in the sum of \$1,020,000.00 to pay expenses of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax projects for the calendar year 2014. Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-02 and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Short Term Work Program Resolution of Adoption**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the Short Term Work Program Resolution of adoption. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Special Exception Application 2013-04 (Radio Antenna-105 Country Kitchen Road)**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the special exception to allow a communication (radio) antenna of 100 feet to provide high speed communication capabilities between law enforcement and fire protection services in Lamar County. The property is located on 105 Country Kitchen Road in Land Lot 53 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Land District, as shown on Tax Map 037, Parcel 017; and recorded in Deed Book 15, page 300. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Weather Warning Sirens**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for two weather warning sirens. The total amount of the grant is \$37,765.00 with a local match of \$5,664.00 dollars. The sirens will be placed at Parker Branch and Johnstonville Fire Stations. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XII. Right of Way Tractors**

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 right of way tractors for a total amount of \$99,048.38 dollars. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XIII. Board Appointments**

- i. Commissioner Baker made a motion to appointment Commissioner Glass as the Vice-Chairman for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. Commissioner Glass abstained from the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Brad Bryan to the Board of Assessors for a term of 4 years. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Smith, Welch, Webb, and White as the County Attorney for a term of 1 year. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Glass made a motion to appoint Woodall, Wilson and Manley as the County Physician for a term of 1 year. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- v. Commissioner Baker made a motion to re-appoint Missy Kendrick to the Southern Crescent Board of Directors for a term of 3 years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Dean Gore to the Board of Appeals for a term of 3 years. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Commissioner Glass made a motion to appoint Commissioner Baker to the E-911 committee for a term of 1 year. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XIV. Public Comments**

Beverly Eskridge of 138 Holmes Street Barnesville, Georgia addressed the board stating that it is time for dogs and cats to be spayed and neutered. Ms. Eskridge stated that dues for the Lamar County Humane Society are \$10.00 and are due in January. Ms. Eskridge encouraged the Board to join the Lamar County Humane Society. Commissioner Thrash asked about the sale of the bricks honoring pets and Ms. Eskridge replied that the Grant for the brick project has been delayed but that it is still in progress.

## **XV. Administrator's Report**

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

1. The LMIG check for \$287,003.94 has been processed.

2. The radios for the wireless mesh network will be installed on Thursday.
3. One set of rumble strips have been installed on Johnstonville Road. The cost for the strips is approximately \$75.00 per section of four strips and the heat gun is \$900.00. The radar sign will be ordered and delivered in approximately 3 weeks.
4. The State Patrol recommends that on Old Milner Road and Cannafax Road that they take down the yield sign and stripe to the right-of-way to Old Milner Road.

**XVI. Round Table**

Commissioner Baker stated that his biggest complaint from citizens is that people are driving too fast. He encouraged everyone in the county and the city to slow down.

Commissioner Thrash gave an update on the Milner Milling tax refund stating that they received the letter from the Tax Assessors office telling them that they will not be refunded. Milner Milling did not agree with this decision and they still want their tax refund. Commissioner Thrash agreed to meet with the County Administrator, the Tax Assessors office and Milner Milling on Thursday to discuss this matter further.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting at approximately 7:33 p.m. Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

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Charles Glass, Commissioner

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Van Baker, Commissioner

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Nancy M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest:

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Carlette Davidson, County Clerk