

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 20th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting was Chairman Matthews, Vice-Chairman Hearn, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, Office Manager Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone. Pastor Lawrence M. Jefferson of Sand Hill CME Church gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Matthews requested that the agenda be amended. Commissioner Horton made the motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2011-05 Code Enforcer and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Glass made the motion to add the Board Appointment for McIntosh Trail and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Hearn made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion.

IV. County Administrator

Chairman Matthews and the Commissioners welcomed the new County Administrator, Bob Zellner.

V. Proclamation

Commissioner Glass presented Rev. Lawrence M. Jefferson a Proclamation to welcome him to Lamar County as the new Pastor of Sand Hill CME Church.

VI. Discussions

- i. **Ordinance 2011-4 2nd Reading: Amendment to the Lamar County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance to Include State Mandated Changes.** Read by Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter. This ordinance is created to revise the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control to include Georgia State mandated changes including Pollution Control. Gunter stated that the big change to the ordinance is that it includes Pollution Erosion. Commissioner Thrash asked

- about Section 2-7 in regards to Granite Quarry listed as an exemption. Gunter stated that Granite Quarrying was listed as an exemption because it is controlled by the State Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and any local Rock Quarry would fall under this code. He also stated that the EPD would do the monitoring. Commissioner Thrash also asked about Section 2-7-35 and the 35 day approval process. Gunter stated that it normally takes 2-3 days to approve an application and at the very least it would take no more than 3 weeks. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-4 and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- ii. Chairman Matthews presented the 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-5 –Code Enforcer by which the enforcer reports directly to the County Administrator and/or the County Commissioners. The Ordinance gives the enforcer the authority to investigate code violations, building inspections, and the right to stop work orders. This ordinance gives the enforcer the right to enforce the codes of the county. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-5 and Commissioner Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- iii. Chairman Matthews called for a motion to re-appoint Nancy Anderson to the Board for McIntosh Trail for a term 3 years. Commissioner Thrash made the motion to approve Nancy Anderson the McIntosh Trail Board and Commissioner Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- iv. Minutes Approval
Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the following minutes and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- Regular Business Meeting August 16th, 2011.
 - Special Called Meeting August 24th, 2011
 - Workshop Meeting September 7th, 2011
 - Special Called Meeting September 9th, 2011
 - Special Called Meeting September 13th, 2011

VII. Public Comments

Julia Heidbrink of Hwy 36 West, Barnesville, Ga. thanked the Commissioners for taking care of the issue with the fire hydrant being drained on her property and for the 9-11 Remembrance ceremony. She stated that she didn't remember of there ever being a ceremony like this in county before. Chairman Matthews stated that the Woodman of the World has done Flag Dedications in the past those were normally done in the morning hours during the week rather than in the afternoon on the weekend.

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street, Barnesville, Ga. gave the monthly human society monthly report to the Commissioners. She stated that their food booth during the Buggy Days Festival was a success and they now can pay medical bills they have incurred at the veterinarian's office. She stated that Joyce had recently picked up kittens that lost their owner and needed a home. Eskridge encouraged everyone to plan for someone to take ownership of your animals and not assume someone will if you cannot.

Eskridge stated that the Human Society recently adopted 8 cats at the Pet Adoption over the past weekend. She encouraged those that needed to have their pets spade or neutered to contact Joyce Farmer.

Jim and Nancy Trueluck of 154 Cain Circle Milner, Ga. addressed the Chairman and the Commissioners in regards to their neighbors disturbing the peace. The questioned if there was an ordinance in regards to this and Building and Zoning director stated that there is a Nuisance Ordinance in effect for Lamar County. They gave accounts of loud music late at night and the fact that the Sherriff's office has done nothing to stop this. They also stated that Commissioner Thrash had not returned their phone calls and that Code Enforcer Wimpy Vaughn had not been much help. Commissioner Thrash personally gave them her direct cell phone number and encouraged them to call her in regards to any issues that they might have. Chairman Matthews directed them to the Deputy Sheriff that was in attendance for the meeting for further incident reporting.

Evelyn Nichols of 166 Cain Road also addressed the Chairman and the Commissioners about the loud music and stated that her husband is in Hospice Care and that she hears a lady cursing at her kids all hours of the day and night. She stated that something needs to be done as they need peace and quiet. Chairman Matthews directed Vaughn to look in to the matter as well as the Deputy Sherriff in attendance.

VIII. Round Table

Chairman Matthews called for Round Table and there were no comments from the Commissioners. Chairman Matthews stated that the 31st Annual Georgia Trappers Association would be held at the Service Center on October 1st and 2nd for anyone interested in participating in this event.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Glass made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at approximately 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thrash and passed unanimously. The Chairman and the Commissioners returned out of executive session at approximately 8:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Jimmy Hearn, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Nancy M. Thrash-Member

Attest:

Bob Zellner, County Administrator