

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Workshop Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2011
10:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matthews called the workshop to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Horton moved to go into executive session to discuss Personal and Litigation. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

III. 2010 BUDGET

- a. Bank statements- Jennifer reported that she is awaiting the November and December bank statements from the bus barn which should be approximately \$20-25,000 dollars for the combined months. Jennifer noted that we are still waiting on bank statements to record small amounts of money, interest and payments we collect including the LOST.
- b. 911 budgets- Includes the total budget except for the reimbursement from the General Fund due to the partial repayments of the salaries. Jennifer stated she needs to know where to apply the monies.
- c. Bottom line budget.
- d. Board of Elections-Anita Reid brought to the commissioners concerns about the \$25,000 dollar cuts to her 2011 budget. The cuts effected poll holders, election expenses and repairs/maintained-office equipment.
 - i. Chairman Matthews stated that we need the corrected numbers from Anita before the next Board of Commissioners meeting for 2010.
- e. Working budget-Jennifer noted that currently the budget is \$31,000 under budget with LOST revenues still to come in.

IV. FIRE AND AMBULANCE FEES

Chairman Matthews stated that at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting we need to review the 2010 fire and ambulance fees in regards to exceptions that should be made. The following items regarding the fees were discussed.

- a. Properties not developed.
- b. Old lots or sub-divisions with creeks or ravens.
- c. Commercial rates being made retroactive.
- d. Vacant commercial lots joined and owned by the same person.
- e. Vacant land not accessible or useable.
- f. Industrial zoning vs. commercial use.
- g. Paying fire and ambulance fees vs. not paying.
- h. Late fees.
- i. Churches and schools.
- j. Attaching fees to the ad valorem taxes.

V. FIRE STATION SPLOST PROJECT

Chairman Matthews discussed the fire station on Roberta Drive.

- a. Onsite meeting late February.
- b. Scaling back the project due to the economy.

Commissioner Thrash reiterated the following:

- c. Freezing excess SPLOST Funds to pay off the county debt.
- d. Relieving the need for a line of credit.

VII. E911- BUDGET

Administrative Analyst Jennifer Day noted that there needs to be resolution to the working E-911 budget. Currently the E-911 reimburses the general funds. The dispatch employees are being paid out of the Sheriff's Administration Budget under the General Fund Budget because when checks are processed the current system cannot pull from the two different entities. The general fund is entity 100 and E-911 is 215. The payroll is cut from entity 100.

VIII. BUDGET to ACTUAL VS BUDGET to BUDGET.

Commissioner Thrash noted that she would like to see an individual line item. The line would show anticipated revenue vs. real revenue.

- a. Individual line item showing the proposed revenue.
- b. New accounting system.
- c. Budget confusion for the citizens.
- d. Cash Basis system rather than an accrual basis accounting system.

IX. E-911 Discussion with the Sheriff

Sheriff Waller discussed his concerns with the budget.

- a. E-911.

- b. School resource officer reimbursement.
- c. Line item transactions.
- d. Drug money used to supplement his budget.
- e. Concerns with the price of gasoline.

X. ADJOURN

Commissioner Hearn motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 and the workshop adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jay Matthews, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Jimmy Hearn, Member

Charles Glass, Member

Nancy M. Thrash-Member