

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
December 4th, 2013
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jay Matthews called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. Present for the meeting was Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman Nancy Thrash, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Charles Glass, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn, County Administrator Robert Zellner, Financial Analyst Carlette Davidson.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Matthews called for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Nancy Anderson with the Community Service Board. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

III. Discussions

Community Service Board

Nancy Anderson Lamar County Board member of the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board that serves a seven county area providing services in 25 locations throughout the seven counties to children, adolescents, adults with serious mental and developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. The locations in Lamar County are Pinewoods Crisis Stabilization Program, Residential Options, New Choices, Lamar County Counseling Center and Peer Center. Currently there are approximately 300 people being served in Lamar County with a total of 168 workers. Ms. Anderson stated that from 1993 to 2010 Lamar County gave a contribution of \$17,298.00 to the program. In 2011 Lamar County contributed \$4,324.00 and in 2012 Lamar County contributed \$5,000.00. Ms. Anderson requested that Lamar County consider contributing extra monies to the program if money is left over in the 2014 budget. Ms. Anderson also stated that some counties provide in kind services such as utilities and buildings.

2014 Proposed Budget

County Administrator Zellner discussed the adjustments made to the proposed 2014 budget due to a discrepancy in the calculations on the budget spreadsheet. The budget was increased by about \$67,000.00. The advertised proposed 2014 budget went from \$8,924,596 to \$8,991,555.00. Chairman Matthews stated that this is a working budget and that adjustments will have to be made even after they approve the 2014 budget. Commissioner Baker inquired on the 2014 proposed budget and having year to date actuals such as October 2012 to October 2013. There was discussion on the reports that can be generated in the new Financial System, INCODE. Currently, the programs generated in INCODE are based on the budget year. It was decided to have the

programmers from INCODE to build a report that would calculate 12 month actuals.

Wireless Internet

County Administrator Zellner reported that they had received a proposal from C3 Communications. They looked at where the Pole would be located and decided a good location was between the Fire Station Building and the Tax Commissioners building. The original quote was \$31,398.40. Commissioner Glass stated that the question he had on the last quote was if it included the license fee and the repeaters on Hog Mountain. He stated that they talked about installing those when they were putting the tower up at the Fire Station building. They will have the right people here at the same time even though they are putting the antenna's up there they won't be activated right away. The license fee would not have to be paid until activated. The installation cost would be cheaper now while the crew is here already installing the pole. The crew would not have to come back at a later time in the future to install the equipment and that would be a substantial savings to the county. Without the Hog Mountain relay station the quote is \$31,250.00. The Hog Mountain relay station would be \$6682.00. If we didn't put the Hog Mountain relay station on now it would be more because the crew would have to come back again. The total amount for the 100 ft pole and the equipment (without the licensing) would be \$37,939.40. The Node covers the Tag Office, Fire Station Headquarters and the Sheriff's Office and if you provide any other service to the other departments you have to have the Hog Mountain relay station. Commissioner Baker inquired where the funds would come from and County Administrator stated that this would come out of SPLOST. This is a first stage of a County network and will eventually tie in to other internet connections and the phone system. Commissioner Glass stated that just the 3 nodes would be paid off in 31 months as opposed to the service we currently have. There will be zero cost of operation once the installation is complete.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the 4 nodes including the Hog Mountain relay at approximately \$40,000.00 with C3 communications and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion approved 4-0.

2014 Proposed Budget

The Board reviewed several line items in regards to the actuals for 2013. Commissioner Baker again requested to see the actuals based on a 12 month period. Commissioner Baker wants to see actuals from October 2012 to October 2013. Currently the system reports only will allow you to choose a period to use within that calendar year without having the programmer from INCODE to build a special report that could be generated to calculate across calendar years.

The Board discussed the workshops with the departments in prior years and the work that went into generating a balance budget. County Administrator Zellner commended the

previous board for their hard work on the prior budgets. County Administrator Zellner stated that the budget is a guideline and that you are required to give the State a balanced budget. However, adjustments to the budget are made throughout the year.