

County Commissioners Meeting
October 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioner in and for the County of Lamar , State of Georgia, held a commissioners meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice Chairman George R. Brown, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn, and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Matthews.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone. The invocation was said by Rev. Jay Tenney of the First United Methodist Church. Vice-Chairman made a motion to add to the agenda the State/County Bridge Contract for Camp Road. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the agenda to be closed and approved. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Chairman of the Election Board Mr. Charles Glass acknowledged the members of the Board of Elections before he asked Mrs. Georgia Fletcher to present the history of the Board of Elections to the Board of Commissioners. This information book will be a part of the minutes. Chairman Jay Matthews told the Board of Elections and Registrar Anita Reid that they have done a fabulous job with the elections.

The public hearings began at 7:05 p.m. The first one was for Zoning Application 09-01 Special Exception by Mr. Robert Bush and Mr. David Bushby. Mr. David Bushby resides at 219 Steeplechase Lane. The property is located in Land Lot 211, District 7, Tax Map97, parcel 097-006, deed book 607, and pages 171-173. Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter presented the information to the Board as he represented the Bushbys. Mr. Jaugstetter stated that there are three items of concern by the citizens opposed to the landing air strips. These items are Preservation of the Rural Character of the Area, Excessive noise and air traffic, and the potential for another fly-in community in the area. To provide further assurances Mr. and Mrs. Bushby would suggest that conditions be placed on the use of the airstrip to be no greater than 25 flights per month including takeoff and landing at the airstrip; prohibit aircraft other than small, propeller driven from either taking off from or landing at the airstrip. They want to limit the acreage of the airstrip to approximately four or five acres and allow approximately four or five homes to be placed on the land with a hanger for each family. These homes will include their parents, children and their home. Attorney Newton Galloway addressed his response for Dr. Lane whom he was representing. These restrictions should prohibit anyone from using the airstrip unless it is adjoining the airstrip. It was also suggested that there be no storage of planes in the hangers for people who do not live there. Lamar County does not have any zoning in the code to protect its rural agriculture areas.

Mr. Steve Smith of 209 Yellow Holly Road suggested that the houses and hangers be limited to the residents that reside there. Mr. Smith passed out pictures of the property of Ms. Dee Dee Sims on Brent Road. The last suggestion for the air strip to be approved by

Attorney Jaugstetter is to work with County Attorney Scott Mayfield with the restrictions in the deed to include the five houses, 25 flights, approximately 4.3 acres, and no hangers other than for the residents. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion to approve the air strip with the above listed stipulations and work in cooperation with the county attorney and a commissioner. The Chairman volunteered to be present when the deed restrictions are to be drawn up. Commissioner Nancy Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Rezoning Application 09-01 by Ms. Kim Buice residing at the location of 483 Cannafax Road in Land Lot 10, District 8, Tax Map 24, parcel 016A, Plat Book 9 page 57, Deed Book 191, and pages 61-62.wants to have her storage barn rezoned from C-2 to A-R. This storage barn was previously used as an automobile repair shop. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the rezoning request to be changed to A-R (agricultural-residential). Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Rezoning Application 09-02 by Mr. Ricky Viars located at 107 High Falls Park Road, Milner, GA in Land Lot 157, District 3, Tax Map 055, Parcel 031, Plat Book 10 page 5, Deed Book 154 pages 263-264 wants to request a zoning change of a frame building from A-R to o-1 Office Residential for wedding and special event venue. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve this rezoning request. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter gave input on the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan review that is required by the State of Georgia. Descriptions of the area and what it is to be used for is included in this plan. Included in these areas are well developed homes, varying sizes with layout policies and procedures color pictures and drawing charts. This plan will be a basis for rewriting the zoning ordinance. This plan will be effective for the next twenty years after it is approved by the state and signed. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion for the Lamar County Comprehensive plan review to be approved. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ordinance 2009-06 Lamar County Zoning Ordinance, Nonconforming uses first reading was read by County Attorney Scott Mayfield. This ordinance is to amend Article 4 of the zoning ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, entitled "General Procedures"; to amend section 403(b) concerning nonconforming uses; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2009-06. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ordinance 2009-07 Lamar County Code Health and Human Services amend Chapter 2-11 for the first reading was presented by Environmental Health Inspector Todd Driver. These changes will assist him to make State laws a part of the County codes and present cases to the Magistrate Court and issue citations. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2009-07. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn

seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the state/county bridge contract that was presented by County Administrator Wayne Patterson. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

The appointee appointed to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission Board was Mr. Gerald Thompson. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Gerald Thompson. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing minutes of September 1, 2009 and the Regular Commissioner business meeting minutes of September 8, 2009. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ms. Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road thanked Mr. Danny Gunter for the work that he has done with the Zoning Department. She also stated that the zoning department needs to beef up the zoning. Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street commended Mr. Danny Gunter for his work with the zoning office. She also stated the there need to be stricter zoning regulations. Updates included October 8th as spay/neuter day, November 12th is spay/ neuter day. October 25th is special photography day for pets and October 31st is a costume contest for the dogs at a cost of \$7.00.

Commissioner Bennie Horton thanked the Board of Election and office staff for a job well done and he congratulated Mr. Gerald Thompson for accepting the appointment to the planning Commission. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown and Commissioner Jimmy Hearn thanked Zoning Administrator Dan Gunter for a job well done on the Comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash asked for permission to add to the agenda Mr. Yury Stead Walker's Crime Prevention. It was approved and Mr. Walker gave some important detailed information about the Neighborhood Watch. This event will take place on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse on the second floor in the Commissioner's meeting room. Also, Commissioner Thrash informed everyone about the Fine Arts dedication to be held on Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE R. BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BENNIE HORTON, MEMBER

ATTEST:

WAYNE PATTERSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER