

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Lamar, State of Georgia, held a Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting was Vice-Chairman George R. Brown, Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr., Commissioner Jimmy Hearn, and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone.

Rev. Ben Taylor gave the invocation.

Ms. Octavia Jackson input on the Youth Leadership in Lamar County. There were three representatives present at the County Commissioners' meeting. This program will last for a year now instead of a few months.

Ms. Sunny Korman of 1127 Highway 18 west was requesting a refund on her taxes because she missed the tax appeal process deadline date due to some extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Nancy Thrash made a motion to deny this tax refund request. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr. read the Proclamation acknowledging February as Black History Month. Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr. made a motion to approve this proclamation as read. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. Unanimous decision. He presented this proclamation to Mr. Aaron Brown who is a member of the Lamar Arts.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to request the use of the meeting room for the Republican Party to hold their meeting at the Courthouse on March 14, 2009. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2009. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Aaron Brown of 323 Forsyth Street congratulated the Lamar Youth Leadership participants. He stated that he was speaking for the concerned citizens group by inviting Chairman Jay Matthews to their April 13th meeting as their guest at the Pastime Grill beginning at 7:00 p.m. He also stated that he is concerned about the Commissioners changing to one meeting a month. He suggested that to avoid rushing through a decision they might consider putting a suspense or deadline on the items being discussed. One of his final concerns was that the Commissioners approved the golf course zoning after the Planning Commission denied the zoning. He stated that the Planning Commission had visited the golf course and saw the business operations of a Pro Shop, and a rental

building in addition to the golf course. Chairman Jay Matthews asked Mr. Brown if he would check into why the 1992 parcels were zoned commercial and the owners were unaware of this zoning.

Mrs. Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road, Barnesville appreciated the dialogue at the end of the last meeting and stated that it was a very good meeting. She also stated that some gravel was placed on her road, and then it was scraped off. She wanted to know why this occurred. She would like to know if the Public Works Department can bring some more gravel and pull the ditches.

Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr. congratulated the Youth and Boy Scouts and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He also stated that he is not angry with anyone. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown informed everyone that the County needs help from the public in informing them about logging that is not being permitted and bonds are not being posted. The bond for a paved road is \$5000.00 and \$2500.00 for a dirt road. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash congratulated the Youth Leadership and thanked Attorney Scott Mayfield's firm for all the work that they do. Chairman Jay Matthew asked Boy Scout Troop # 17 to stand and asked if the leader was with them. Mr. Kenneth Presley was the assistant leader and spoke a few words about his Troop. Mr. Matthews also stated that the liter is getting out of hand in the county and it is becoming an eyesore. We as citizens need to help stop it.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn from the regular session meeting and go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr. made a motion to return from executive session at 8:15 p.m. and return to the regular session. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimous decision. An affidavit is attached as a part of these minutes for the closed session of the meeting indication their discussion. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Jay Matthews, Chairman

George R. Brown, Vice Chairman

Bennie Horton, Member

Jimmy Hearn, Member

Nancy M. Thrash, Member

Wayne Patterson, County Administrator