

Lamar County Commissioners Meeting
April 13, 2010
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, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner George R. Brown, 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. Mic Savage of the First Assembly of God Church. There was not an amendment to be added to the agenda. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Mr. John Hamrick gave the Commissioners an update of the progress in the Tax Assessors Office. He noted that Ms. Jeannie Haddock has been hired as the new Chief Appraiser for the Tax Assessors Office. Mr. Hamrick noted that the office staff had completed 680 parcels in the City of Barnesville, and they have approximately 500 parcels left to assess in the City. After the City assessments are completed, and then they will assess the properties in Milner and the rest of the county. Mr. Hamrick also informed the Board that he is looking for some part time help. Their goal is to be completed with all of the assessed values by or before August or September of 2011. Ms. Haddock, New Chief Appraiser said that she plans to divide the county in three sections with each appraiser. Ms. Haddock complimented the appraisers as to how they are all working together and they have a good atmosphere. In February there were only 23 parcels that had been completed in the county by the previous administration.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson informed the Commissioners of the Brown Road Right-of-Way Conveyance stating that the plat had been approved but there is no evidence of the right -of- way acceptance. Brown Road has curb and gutter and is approximately 1240 feet long located in Land lot 90 of the 3rd District of Lamar County known as right- of-way area, 1.77 acres to be deeded to Lamar County with 60 feet of right-of-way on a plat of survey entitled "Final plat for Buck Creek Farms" dated January 6,

2006 and revised on November 7, 2006 prepared by S.J. Reeves & Associates, Inc. The plat is recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 391-392 of the Lamar County, Georgia Clerk of Superior Court Records. The metes, bounds, courses and distances on said plat with respect to said property are incorporated herein in aid of this description. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to accept the Brown Road right of way Conveyance. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Proclamation 2010-02 proclaiming the month of April as Lamar Arts Month. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton made a motion to accept this Proclamation for April as being Lamar Arts Month. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Proclamation 2010-03 proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to accept this proclamation. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner George R. Brown named his appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors as being Ms. Claire White. He did give the Board some background history about Ms. White as to her being a former employee at the Lamar County Sheriff Office. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept Commissioner Brown's appointment to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the Commissioners Business meeting on March 9, 2010. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

“Public Comments”

Ms. Fern Gentes of 108 Cedar Ridge Road said that she attended a Board of Assessors meeting and she was impressed with the order that was there. She said that they voted for the Roberts Rule of Order to conduct their meetings.

Mr. Danny Gunter of 433 Grove Street updated everyone on the Census count in Lamar County. He said that the Lamar County citizens return is much higher than the City of Barnesville's return of the Census. He stated that a representative is at the Administration Building on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am until noon. He did learn that the Census Bureau did not mail any Census forms to persons with Post Office boxes, but they can complete a form and mail it in.

Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street gave the update on the Humane Society. She thanked the restaurant Slices and the Community for their support and the proceeds from slices. She asked the Commissioners about the lighting on Veterans Parkway and she was told that it was on a State Route.

Mr. Aaron Brown of 323 Forsyth Street congratulated the Board of Assessors and the new Chief Appraiser. Mr. Brown stated that he would withdraw his offer to serve on the Board of Assessors effectively immediately. Mr. Brown was Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton's appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors and he told Mr. Brown that he was sorry that he was resigning and thanked him for his service that he had done.

“Round Table”

Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton invited and reminded everyone about the BBQ and Blues Festival that will occur on April 23, and 24th. He asked everyone to come out and support this community event. Commissioner George R. Brown recognized Mr. Clifford Barber appointment to serve on the Board at Southern Rivers. Commissioner Jimmy asked Office Manager to read the DARE invitation that will be hosting a program at the Middle School on April 22nd 2010. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash said that there is a concern with the citizens allowing their pit bull dogs to run loose. These dogs are vicious and the laws will be enforced according to the code.

There being no further business Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

WAYNE PATTERSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR