

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 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. Lonnie Grant of the Church of the Nazarene said the invocation.

Chairman Jay Matthews asked if it was okay with everyone to make the following changes to the agenda before it is approved. He asked that the Proclamation Number 2009-05 for Judge Stokes be the first item under discussion and add the two other Proclamations for Cancer awareness week and Cancer Survivor Sunday, and Child Abuse Prevention Month to the agenda. The agenda was closed after these requests were made.. Commissioner Bennie Horton Jr. made a motion to close the agenda and Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash asked Judge Stokes Family to come up front to receive the commendation for Judge Richard B. Stokes from Governor Sonny Perdue. The family thanked her.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read the official proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve this proclamation. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read the Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 as the observance of Cancer Awareness Week and April 26 as Cancer Survivor Sunday. Commissioner Bennie Horton, Jr. made a motion to approve this proclamation. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

A power point presentation was shown at the Commissioners meeting at the request of the Fire Department and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash. The video gave input as to the duties and responsibilities of our Lamar County Firefighters as well as the risks they take to protect our community. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash gave extensive details about the importance of a new fire station, the location site comparisons near the schools in Barnesville and Milner, and the long range economic and fiscal responsibility that will be a great asset to our county. The site location for the new fire station will be located on Roberta Drive across from the Ag Arena. The land is currently owned by the citizens of Lamar County and there will not be any additional cost to purchase the land. Commissioner Thrash, Fire chief Steve Andrews, and County Administrator Wayne

Patterson have met with three architects and two engineers. They had them to submit sealed bids for the construction and engineering services. The three architectural services were Todd Albritton with a total estimated construction cost of 1,100,000.00 for 12,440 square feet, architectural cost @ 3.80% or \$41,800.00, and site inspections of \$9,500.00. Mackey R. Saunders estimated construction cost was \$1,314,716.00, with an architectural cost of \$88,743.00. Bobby York did not submit a bid. Scanlon Engineering Services was the lowest bidder for the site plan, Hydrologic Study, Sediment & erosion control plans, construction plans etc. Their bid amount was \$11,000.00. Mackey Saunders Engineering Services bid was in the amount of \$19,610.00. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion to approve Todd Albritton and Scanlon Engineering Services. Vice-chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. It was passed with a unanimous decision. County Administrator Wayne Patterson stated that we have a verbal commitment for inmate labor.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Resolution Number 2009-10 for the Land acquisition purchase from Mr. Barry Keith Martin whose property is located at 724 Grove Street Barnesville, GA and described as Exhibit A. This land is adjacent to the County's property which is the County maintenance barn. The purchase amount of the property is \$35,000.00. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept this land purchase offer. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read the first reading of Ordinance Number 2009-02 to amend and make changes to the purchasing policy in multiple sections, and the Disbursement Policy. In Section 2 Article IV of Chapter 2-2 section 2-2-115(1) was deleted which states that the office manager and the county administrator's signature will be required on the purchases made in the county. A copy of this ordinance is herewith attached as a part of these minutes. The second reading of this Ordinance will be read at the May County Commissioners' meeting with the changes made to this ordinance.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson gave some input on the Section 5311 Public Transportation contract agreement amount of \$7,385.00 for the 2010 contract year. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to approve this Section 5311 transportation agreement which is operated through McIntosh Trail which authorizes Chairman Jay Matthews to sign the Contract. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson informed everyone that the Work Detail Contract for 2010 is about to expire on June 30, 2009 with the County. The fiscal Year 2010 contract amount is the same as last year which is \$39,500.00. It authorizes Chairman Jay Matthews to sign this contract. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to renew this contract. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision. Vice-chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision.

Mrs. Mary Sewell of 712 High Falls Park Road was concerned with the Town Hall meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> in reference to a park being placed on the property that was owned by the C& D Landfill. She stated that some of the events occurring in the park would need permits and if the park fails, the county would need to be careful and cautious of the C& D Landfill changing their mind to put the landfill on that property since it will already be zoned for commercial. Mr. Woody Horst of Sudduth Road was concerned with Sudduth Road and Frances Street being widened and gravel added on these roads. Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street complimented the firefighters. She informed everyone that it is time to spay and neuter your pets. She informed everyone that the City of Macon has stopped using the gas chamber in their animal shelter. She invited everyone to the book signing that will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10:00 am until 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Lisa Dziedzic of 756 High Falls Park Road needs a pipe cleaned out and asked who is monitoring the Jellystone Park? Is EPD aware of their problem? Chairman Jay Matthews Told her that he has contacted EPD and they are watching and monitoring the Jellystone Park.

Commissioner Bennie Horton asked everyone to support the BBQ and Blues Festivities during the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown attended the Pandemic Flu exercise preparation and stated that 42 people attended. Ms. Holly Manheimer spoke on the Open Records Act and the Commissioners' responsibilities. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn recognized Public Works Director Bill Brown for a job well done along with his staff during for maintaining the roads during the rains. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash spoke on the Ms. Dolly Good Puppy being at the swimming area this month. Chairman Jay Matthews brought it to the Board's attention that the County will be requesting a line of credit in May from one of the banks. Chairman Matthews asked everyone to inform the Board of any roads that they are having a problem with. Some of the roads can be triple treated once they are identified and he's looking at helping to get everyone out of the mud. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion at 8:08 p.m. for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion was a unanimous decision.

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JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

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GEORGE R. BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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BENNIE HORTON, MEMBER

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JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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WAYNE PATTERSON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER