

Lamar County Commissioners Meeting  
May 11, 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, May 11, 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 after the Junior ROTC presented the flags at the meeting. The invocation was said by Rev. John Norman of Marvin United Methodist Church. The amendments were listed on the agenda as it was printed. There were not any additional amendments to add to the agenda. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion for the agenda to be approved as printed. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Major Paul Stinson presented a short video on the goals, objectives, accomplishments, and directives of the Junior ROTC. He stated that there are 81 Cadets in the Jr. ROTC and there is a waiting list. The uniforms are provided by in a program through an allocated budget with the State. Commissioner Thrash complimented Major Stinson for a great job that he is doing with the program and its youth.

Ms. Marcia Johnston-Clark Director of the Lamar County Senior Center informed the Board the effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Senior Center will receive a grant that will assist the Senior to serve healthy low cost meals to the seniors at the center and in the community. Included with this grant will be free bus rides from home to and from the center. The meals will cost \$1.50 and lunch time will begin at 11:30 am. Contact can be made at the Senior Center at 770-358-5163 or with the Council on Aging at 678-552-2838.

Ms. Joyce Farmer, President of the Humane Society had some concerns about a cat named Majesty that was picked up by Animal Control Officer Thomas Holder from Ms. Brenda Hewitt's basement. She wanted to know of

the cat's whereabouts. Mr. Mark Murrah and Ms. Robin Nicholson of the Georgia Department of Agriculture Animal Protection Section were present and Mr. Murrah spoke on behalf of the Agriculture Department and emphasized that the Humane Society is not suppose to be in the business of picking up animals. That is left up to the government agency to do. Afterwards, there was a lot of in depth discussion from the Chairman, Commissioner Thrash, Ms. Hewitt and her neighbor Mr. Bach. In resolution to this problem Chairman Jay Matthews summed it up by saying that we all need to work together in this community and the concern is to find the animals a good home.

### **“Board Appointments”**

Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to appoint Mr. John Wayne Robinson to the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to appoint Ms. Tara Morrison to the Senior Citizens Board. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Sidney F. Cheatham to the Lamar County Board of Family and Children Services. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to accept the appointment of the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the Three Rivers Regional Commission Public Transportation Service Agreement. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Building and Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter presented the Abbott Woods Subdivision application 2010-01 review of Phase II with the Abbott Development Inc with James H. Abbott owner located at 1115 McCollum Road Barnesville, GA 30204. The name of the roads will be Abbotts Cove and Brothers Court. Mr. Gunter stated that they can go forward with the sell of the property for the lots that are located on in Land Lots 109-110 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Land District as shown on Tax Map 050, parcels 001 and 165 and recorded in plat book 14 on page 275 and plat book 15 page 318 and Deed Book 431 on pages 331-332. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion

for the review plat to be approved by Abbotts Woods to proceed with the subdivision. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioners business meeting minutes for April 13, 2010. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

### **“Public Comments”**

Mr. Preston Thompson of 2025 Highway 36 east had some concern about dog issues. He told Commissioner Thrash that she should not just single out Pit Bull dogs as the only dogs that are vicious. He said that the emphasis should not be placed on the animals but the owners. Publicity Chairperson for the Humane Society Ms. Beverly Eskridge stated that May 20<sup>th</sup> is spay and neuter day. They have spayed and neutered approximately 30 animals in April. Ms. Lena Lacy thanked the Senior Center for their activities.

### **“Round Table”**

Commissioner Bennie Horton invited everyone to the Community Cleanup day on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at the First Methodist Church from 8:00 am until 12:30 p.m. Commissioner George R. Brown stated that he had attended a concerned citizens meeting where Dr. Bill Truby was the guest speaker and he stated that 90% of the county does not know what they are doing in the school system. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash thanked Mr. Preston for pointing out the fact that she was wrong to single out pit bull dogs and stated that she was venting on pit bulls at that time because of some problem phone calls and concerns she had received with pit bulls during that week. Chairman Jay Matthews recognized former Chairman Bobby Burnette’s presence at the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

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ATTEST:

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WAYNE PATTERSON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR