

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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. Benny Tate said the invocation.

Before the agenda was approved Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash asked that the Senior Citizen Board appointment be added to the agenda. With there being no further additions to the agenda Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to close the agenda. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion was a unanimous decision.

Former County Commissioner Gene Hardwick presented the ACCG Excellence Award to Executive Director Johnny Poore gave comments as to how this award originated through his persistence with the county, and the Georgia Trend magazine printing the article about the winning recipient who was Johnny Poore of the Cedar Grove Landfill. He thanked Mr. Poore for a job well done. Mr. Poore thanked Mr. Hardwick and everyone else involved.

Mr. John Sexton of North Lamar Citizens Association resides at 414 Parker Branch Road informed the Commissioners that the North Lamar County Citizens Association, in conjunction with participating adjacent landowners agree to withdraw their opposition to the proposed Vulcan Quarry to be located on Highway 36 East upon acceptance of the following terms by Vulcan Materials submits a resolution for the Board to accept as a part of the minutes for this meeting. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution that has been submitted to the Board for acceptance and approval. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Proclamation Number 2009-06 proclaiming May 30, 2009 through June 6, 2009 to be Methamphetamine Awareness Week in Lamar County. The meth summit will be held on June 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lamar County Middle School gymnasium. This summit is presented by the Lamar County Sheriff Office. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept this proclamation. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision. Vice –Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept Commissioner Bennie Horton’s appointment of Mr. Aaron Brown to replace Mr. Gerald Thompson, from the Democratic Party and to reappoint Mr. Charles Glass as the Republican appointment for another one year term. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson summarized Ordinance Number 2009-02 which was the second reading in reference to the Purchasing/Disbursement Policy. A copy is herewith attached as a part of these minutes and will be updated in the county's code book. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion for this Ordinance Number 2009-02 to be approved. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Resolution Number 2009-11 in reference to the E.T. Carlyle Company, Inc. v Lamar County, Georgia, et.al.Lamar County Superior Court, Civil Action No. 01B-443-S authorizing the firm of Smith, Welch, and Brittain to appeal Judge Caldwell's decision and continue to fight the landfill. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept this resolution. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. It was passed by a unanimous decision. Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Resolution Number 2009-12 for the Surplus Auction. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept this resolution with a condition that if other departments still have surplus items that are not a part of this surplus listing they can add those items. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision.

Ms. Ulanda A. Barkley, County Director with the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Department of Family and Children Services requested in a letter to the Board of Commissioners asking that Mrs. Charlotte Fallings be reappointed to the DFACS Board with a term expiration of June 30, 2014. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to accept this reappointment. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision. Vice –Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept Commissioner Bennie Horton's appointment of Mr. Aaron Brown to replace Mr. Gerald Thompson, from the Democratic Party and to reappoint Mr. Charles Glass as the Republican appointment for another one year term. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to appoint Ms. Brenda Hewitt to the Senior Citizens Board. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Mr. Wayne Patterson gave input on the only bid that was received on April 16, 2009 from Mr. Danny Ray Vaughn in the amount of \$68,878.00 for the Grove Street Fire Station. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to accept the bid amount. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Nancy Thrash, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn, and Commissioner Bennie Horton is in support of accepting the bid offer, and Vice-Chairman George R. Brown abstained in opposition of the bid offer. Lamar County Environmental Health Director Todd Driver presented the Board with the new proposed new fees for 2009. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the fees to be accepted. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion for Chairman Jay Matthews to submit a letter to both of the banks in a request for a line of credit in the amount of \$1.2 million for the daily operation of the county budget. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision. Public Works Director William Brown presented a quote for the purchase of three trucks to be purchased through the State. This request was put on hold until a later date. Fire chief Steve Andrews presented the mutual agreements for the City of Barnesville, Spalding County, Monroe County, Pike County, and Butts County in

agreement of mutual aid and automatic aid in Lamar County. Upson County has not signed the mutual aid agreement, but is expected to sign one. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn made a motion to accept the agreement of mutual aid and automatic aid for the 5 listed agreements on hand. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2009 Commissioner meeting. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. It was a unanimous decision.

Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 140 Holmes Street informed everyone about the Humane Society's bake sale that will be held at Ingles. She gave the update on the new homes for the cats and dogs that have been spayed and neutered and placed in new homes. She need clarification on when the agenda was closed and when she could put things on the agenda for the meeting. The agenda is advertised two weeks before the meeting but a request to place items on the agenda deadline is on the Thursday before the Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash stated that there is a display at the Library for Dolly Goodpuppy, and she attended the ribbon cutting for the new high school stadium. At 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to adjourn to the executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to return from executive session at 8:25 p.m. A signed affidavit is herewith included as a part of the minutes for the closed session of the meeting. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to go into regular session of the meeting. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous decision.

JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE R. BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BENNIE HORTON, MEMBER

JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

WAYNE PATTERSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER

ATTEST: