

Lamar County Commissioners Meeting  
June 08, 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, June 08, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Jay Matthews, Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton, Commissioner George R. Brown, Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash, and Commissioner Jimmy Hearn. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Matthews.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone.

The invocation was said by Mr. John Hamrick, Chairman of the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to amend the agenda by including the Georgia Forestry Commission Fire Protection as item c under appointments on the agenda. Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to close the agenda with the added amendment item. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Mr. Tom Queen of the Georgia Department of Transportation gave the project updates Rural Draft dated April 5, 2010 on the federal aid programs for the State Transportation improvements in Lamar County. They are Project number 0004590 which is Water Pollution Mitigation to improve the Truck Route at an approximate cost of \$28,800.00 from the Federal government and 7,200.00 from the State. Project number 0006974 is intersection improvement at 36 and Morgan Dairy Road which will be an approximate total of \$236,652.00 for 2013 and an approximate total of \$465,838.00 for the year after 2014. Project number three is 333140 at State Road 18 @ Potato Creek 4 miles West of Barnesville to replace the bridge with an approximate cost of \$3,985,031 for the federal and State cost of 24,122.00. Commissioner Brown asked the question to Mr. Queen as to why the Eady Creek Bridge was taken off the list to be repaired. Mr. Queen was unsure as to why. Chairman Matthews asked Mr. Queen about the median crossing from south of Barnesville to Spalding County that is close to Fellowship Drive and 341 Highway needing turning lanes.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson gave the Georgia Forestry update about their increased price of .04 cents to .10 cents per acre with a total of 9,412.00 for the 2011 fiscal year. Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to accept this increase from Georgia Forestry. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman Bennie Horton made a motion to accept the Resolution which was a Special Tribute to World War II Veterans. This resolution will be presented on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the ceremony for all of the World War II Veterans Celebration that will be held at the Lamar Fine Arts Building. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ms. Paige Beam and Ms. Jaclyn Brown presented the agreement between District Four Health Services and Lamar County Board of Commissioners to assist with a \$3500.00 payment that will go towards the reconstruction costs associated with converting the 118 Academy Drive, Suite D offices into a dental clinic. Chairman Jay Matthews asked Commissioner George R. Brown if he would accept the appointment to the Lamar County Health Board. He did accept. There was a lot of discussion about the wording in the agreement regarding the \$3500.00 payment. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to delay this agreement request until the wording was changed and some more research is completed for this request. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Dr. Bill Truby gave his presentation on the charter school update on the adequate yearly progress. He also stated that their health care/Nursing Program will start this fall and their budget was approved at their meeting on tonight.

#### **“Public Comments”**

Mr. Walton Pearce of 198 Pleasant Road complained about his dirt road being in terrible condition. The ditches and cross drains need to be cleaned out. Chairman Matthews informed him that they will ride that road on Wednesday and get something done to it as soon as possible.

Ms. Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street and Publicity chairperson for the Humane Society said that they have spayed and neutered 35 animals recently and some of the animals have been adopted. She invited everyone to the Fourth of July event fundraiser on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Ranch.

Ms. Joyce Farmer of 159 Yatesville Road wants the paperwork signed for the Humane Society as to the new owner of Majesty, the cat. The signed form will put closure to this matter about Majesty.

There being no further business to discuss Commissioner George R. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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