

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**June 16, 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 June 16, 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, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone.

Commissioner Bennie Horton said the invocation.

The agenda was modified to add Sheriff Larry Waller to speak about the JAG grant and to add Ordinance 2009-04 "Licenses, Taxation, and Misc, Business Regulations", first reading. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the added modifications to the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to close the agenda. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash presented a certificate of achievement to eighth grader James Melvin Lawrence. James Lawrence achieved perfect attendance from kindergarten through eighth grade, and is an honor roll student at St. George Christian Academy in Milner, GA. Everyone applauded him and he had his picture taken with all of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash along with the firefighters gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SPLOST funding, projected revenue, a picture of the new fire station, informed of the plans being approved for the fire station, and the approximate cost of \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00 as well as the savings to the county with Inmate labor. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to approve the new fire station. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown stated that he agreed to approve the fire station but he has apprehension.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) appointment of Walter Geiger. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Lamar County Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$20,625.00 for the federal share and the local share of \$6875.00. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read the First reading for Ordinance 2009-03 for the AT&T Franchise fee. Commissioner Bennie

Horton made a motion to approve the first reading. Vice Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Chairman Jay Matthews stated that the speed limit sign on Chappell Mill Road would be increased to 45 miles per hour from the 35 Miles per hour. The Sheriff Office and Probate Court needs to be informed of this change. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the May 12, 2009 regular commissioner minutes. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision.

Ms. Fern Gentes of 108 Cedar Ridge Road stated that the fire trucks couldn't get through this road to put out a fire. Mr. Preston Thompson of 2025 Highway 36 East suggested to the Commission Board to be as diligent and thrifty with the money to build the new fire station. Ms. Joyce Farmer of 159 Yatesville Road informed everyone of the need to adopt the spayed and neutered dogs and cats. She stated that on June 27, 2009 they would be at the Rock Ranch for a fundraiser for the Humane Society. She stated to the Board to remember to save some space for the animal shelter. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown asked her to get some plans drawn and the cost to build an animal shelter. She stated that she would comply.

Commissioner Bennie Horton reminded Chairman Jay Matthews about the appointment to the McIntosh Trail. Chairman Jay Matthews asked for a motion to add this item to the agenda. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to add this item to the agenda. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded it. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioner Bennie Horton as the McIntosh Trail Board member replacing Chairman Jay Matthews. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Chairman Jay Matthews informed everyone that a rabid fox on Fredonia Church Road had attacked his neighbor in his driveway. He asked everyone to take precautions and awareness. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed with 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