

Commissioners Meeting  
July 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 July 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, Commissioner Jimmy Hearn and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash.

The pledge of allegiance was said by everyone.

Rev. Mic Savage of the Barnesville First Assembly Church said the invocation.

The agenda was amended to add an appointment by Commissioner Bennie Horton to the Tax Assessors Board replacing Mr. James Butler. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to close the agenda. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Mr. Richard Smith did not show up for his property tax complaint. The John Gilbert Sportsmanship Award presentation will be rescheduled at a later date. Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Ordinance 2009-03 AT & T Franchise Fee second reading. Vice Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the ordinance to be approved. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read the second reading for Ordinance 2009-04 for Licenses, Taxation, and Misc. Business Regulations. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the June 16, 2009 Regular Commissioner Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to appoint Mr. Aaron Brown to the Board of Tax Assessors. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. Mr. Aaron Brown stated that he will resign from the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Elections. Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion to accept Mr. Aaron Brown's resignation from the two Boards. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Zoning Administrator Dan Gunter presented information for the Comprehensive Plan stating that phase 1 and 2 have been approved by the state. Phase 3 will require more planning and development. A meeting will be held on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to address these issues. These plans will be in effect for long range planning for at least (20) twenty

years and he needs input from the community as to how to implement these plans. Mr. Gunter also reminded everyone present to complete the 2010 census. The census is in the short form now and if it is completed and returned then, there will not be anyone coming to visit your home. Lamar County had a return rate during the last census of 69% which was good but needs improving.

Deputy Stead Walker presented information on the National Night Out on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 which will be held at the Ritz Park on Forsyth Street in Barnesville from 5:30 p.m. until. This is a joint effort with the Sheriff and his office personnel and the City of Barnesville Police Chief and his office personnel, to assist the community in fighting against crime and keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Commissioner Bennie Horton informed everyone during the round table discussion that on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 there will be a back to school bash at the Recreation Department from 11:00am until 3 p.m. School supplies will be given away at this time for families with children that attend school. Commissioner Nancy Thrash mentioned about the groundbreaking ceremony for the new fire station headquarters that will be located on Roberta Drive. County Administrator Wayne Patterson informed everyone about the Public Hearing for the millage to be set on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by 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