

Lamar County Commissioners Special Called Meeting  
Large Conference Room Administration Building  
August 10, 2010  
10:00 A.M.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Lamar, State of Georgia, held a Special Called Meeting in the Large Conference Room at the Administration Building on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 10:00 A.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 given by Commissioner Jimmy Hearn. The agenda was approved as printed for the Special Called Meeting.

The topic of discussion was the 2010 millage rate, will the rate remain the same or increase? Chairman Jay Matthews stated that even with all the budget cuts the county could not operate efficiently without increasing the millage rate to generate more revenue.

Chairman Matthews opened the floor to listen to the public's input. Several citizens spoke on behalf of the citizens of Lamar County. One of the questions asked was could the county cut more from the budget or eliminate some of the services rendered by the county. One citizen asked for a 22% cut to the budget to match the increase in the millage rate. Another suggestion was utilizing inmate labor. In question also was the School Board having \$5,000,000 in reserve. Why can't the county receive revenue from school taxes? Some citizens stated they have had to cut services at home so cut services in county government.

Several comments were made concerning the county providing representation for people charged with a crime and providing medical care for inmates. Chairman Matthews stated by law the county has to fund the judicial system and pay the medical expenses for inmates.

Commissioner Bennie Horton suggested imposing a flat tax. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash commented she was not in favor of an increase in the millage rate.

There being no further business to discuss Commissioner Bennie Horton made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Commissioner George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jay Matthews, Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

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George R. Brown, Member

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Jimmy Hearn, Member

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Nancy M. Thrash, Member

ATTEST:

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Wayne Patterson  
County Administrator