

Commissioners Budget Workshop Meeting  
August 11, 2009  
10:00 A.M.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Lamar, State of Georgia, held a budget workshop on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. The changes to the 2010 budget were discussed as to getting to the finalization of what was submitted from all of the department heads and constitutional officers for the new 2010 budget. The Commissioners decided that no one will be getting a cost of living adjustment or any raises for this budget year. The information for the major medical insurance was presented to the Commissioners with a 7.1% increase, which is up from last year's 5% increase. The changes to the insurance will be reducing the lifetime maximum from unlimited to \$1,000,000 and increasing the drug prescription by five (\$5) dollars in each tier. The tier will be \$15/\$25/\$40 dollars up from \$10/\$20/\$35. Everything else remains the same. County Administrator Wayne Patterson informed the Commissioners about the Public Hearing for the Budget regarding the advertisement which is advertised and held one week before the budget is approved at the regular session of the Commissioners meeting.

County Administrator Wayne Patterson presented to the Commissioners Bid Package 2009-01. The roads needing the triple treatment are Robinson and Adkins Roads. The bids were opened on July 23, 2009 with bids received from Hill Construction and Reeves Construction. The lowest bid was with Reeves Construction which was \$1,058,253.29. Hill Construction's bid was \$1,695,804.00. This information will be presented to the Commissioners for approval at the September 8, 2009 meeting.

GA Department of Transportation has given Lamar County a list of bridges that need attention for repairs as soon as possible in the county. One bridge is already closed on Ruffner Road. Public Works Director William "Bill" Brown stated that Upson County will work with Lamar County in determining the connectivity of the bridge and the road that adjoins the counties. Two Rivers RDC will possibly assist Lamar County with some funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the bridge on Potts Pond Road and he will ask for Ritchie Road. The bridges high priority is Ruffner Road, Camp Road, and Van Buren Roads. There being no further discussion Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion for the workshop to adjourn. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by 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

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NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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WAYNE PATTERSON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR