

Commissioners Regular Meeting
August 11, 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 August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Jay Matthews called the meeting to order. Members 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.

The invocation was said by Commissioner Jimmy Hearn.

Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Chairman Jay Matthews read the highlights of the baseball team that received the John Gilbert Sportsmanship Award before he presented the trophy to the age 13 and 14 year old team players. This award is presented to the Boys Baseball All Star team that shows the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Tax Commissioner Andrea Anthony presented the Commissioners with the Charge on and Charge off listing with the explanations as to what happened to cause these problems. The charge on/charge off digest is from June 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The properties are no longer in the negative amount of -\$212,935.57 as it was reported on last year but is reflecting a positive amount of \$32,030.80. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept the Charge On/Charge Off listing that was presented by Tax Commissioner Andrea Anthony. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Zoning Administrator Danny Gunter presented Ordinance Number 2009-05 to amend the Lamar County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance first reading and public hearing. Mr. Gunter stated that Lamar County has received its first flood map from the State which will need to be updated and presented to the State again on September 25, 2009. The map will verify and assist property owners as to whether their property is in a flood zone or not. The next meeting for the long range comprehensive planning meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 3p.m. Mr. Gunter encouraged everyone to attend because these plans will be in effect for the next 20 years.

Chairman Jay Matthews asked the Board to give him input about the Nomination form that he is considering using to appoint persons of interest to any boards or appointments.

There was a lot of discussion about the nomination form but it was not approved. It was tabled until a late date. The Commissioners did agree to inform each other of their appointment one week in advance before the commissioners meeting.

Ms. Gwen Moore, Secretary of the Lamar County Democratic Party, informed the Board of their appointment to the Board of Elections which is Mr. Harold Ivey. Mr. Ivey will be replacing Mr. Gerald Thompson who does not wish to serve a second term. Mr. Ivey's term will begin on January 1, 2010. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to accept the Democratic Party appointment. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

The Planning Commission has two members whose terms will be or is expiring in July and August 2009. These persons are Ms. Angela Preston and Mr. Danny English. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to reappoint Ms. Angela Preston for another 4 year term and Mr. Danny English who is a joint member with the city to another 4 year term. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision. Mr. Aaron Brown resigned from the Planning Commission Board on July 24, 2009. A one year replacement/appointment for him will be necessary on the Planning Commission Board.

Office Manager Gretchen Ellerby read Resolution 2009-15 Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the Board of Education. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown stated that he wants to keep up the tradition of being opposed to having to approve the Board of Education Ad Valorem Tax Levy. Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-15 Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the Board of Education. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14th and July 28th 2009 Commissioner meetings. Vice –Chairman George R. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Ms. Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road was signed up for public comments and thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done for cutting the trees back on her road that were hitting against their vehicles.

Commissioner Bennie Horton and Vice-Chairman George R. Brown thanked the Tax Assessors, Tax Commissioners, and County Administrator and staff, Mr. Walter Geiger, and Mr. Greg Williams for doing a good job during these tough economic times during the round table discussions. Commissioner Jimmy Hearn and Commissioner Nancy M. Thrash thanked the Tax Commissioner for doing a good job during the round table discussions. There being no further business to discuss Vice-Chairman George R. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Bennie Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous decision.

JAY MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE R. BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BENNIE HORTON, MEMBER

JIMMY HEARN, MEMBER

NANCY M. THRASH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

WAYNE PATTERSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR