

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
December 20th, 2016**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Commissioners Horton, Heiney, Baker, and Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, County Clerk Davidson and County Attorney Mayfield.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. Craig Ogletree of Spring Hill Baptist Church in Milner gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of two items. The replacement of Tammy Merritt who is currently serving on the Tax Assessors Board and The Purchase of Skid Steer for the Public Works Department. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the following four sets of minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. November 10th, 2016-Special Called meeting-Joint SPLOST
- ii. November 15th, 2016-Regular Commissioner Meeting
- iii. November 18th, 2016-Special Called Meeting
- iv. November 29th, 2016-Special Called Meeting

V. Beer and Wine License

The Board approved the following Beer and Wine Licenses.

- 1) Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Horton's Rendezvous, LLC. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Horton abstained from the vote. The motion passed 3-0.
- 2) Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve C&B Inc., and Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve T.J Outfitters and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Deer Trail Country Club and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve VFW Post 6542 and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Board Appointments

- i. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to appoint Commissioner Horton as the 2017 Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Commissioner Heiney to the E911 Committee Board as a County Representative. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Irvin Trice to serve as the Three Rivers Regional Commission-non-public member. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Commissioner Horton to serve on the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board as a County Representative. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- v. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the appointment of the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to Replace Nancy Anderson until the January meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Vice-Chairman Thrash made to motion to table the appointment of Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board to Replace Katherine McHan. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- vii. The Department of Family and Children Service Board appointment of Robert Taylor was approved at the June Regular Board of Commissioners Business meeting.
- viii. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Vice-Chairman Thrash to the Solid Waste Authority Board. Vice-Chairman Thrash abstained. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Commissioner Elect Ryran Traylor to the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Board and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ix. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Chairman Glass and Sandra Puckett to the Industrial Development Authority Board. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- x. Commissioner Horton made a motion to re-appoint the representative from District 1 John Wayne Robinson to the Tax Assessors Board. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to re-appoint the representative from District 2 Claire White to the Tax Assessors Board. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to appoint Betty Smith Banks to the Tax Assessor Board replacing Tammy Merritt. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- xi. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve James Butler as the County Surveyor. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- xii. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Smith, Welch, Webb and White as the County Attorney for 2017. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- xiii. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Attorney Mayfield as the Open Records Custodian for 2017. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- xiv. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the following County Physicians for 2017. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Dr. Wilson Woodall and Manley
 - b. Dr. Aaron Buice
- xv. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the appointment to the Southern Crescent Board of Directors to Replace Missy Kendrick until the January meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- xvi. Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Commissioner Elect Ryran Traylor to the Lamar County Health Board replacing Commissioner Baker. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Resolutions

Resolution 2016-21 Creation of Public Facilities Authority

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-21 to create a Public Facilities Authority to send to the Legislature. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2016-22 Adoption of 2017 Budget

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-22 to adopt the 2017 Lamar County Budget. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Contracts

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for a needs assessment. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the Basis for Selection of Firm to Provide Architectural Services, Carter Watkins as the Architectural firm and the Basis for Selection of Firm to Provide Consulting/Administrative Services, Advocates for Better Communities, Inc. as the Administrative firm. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Purchase of Equipment-Skid Steer

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the purchase of a Skid Steer for the Public Works Department. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Administrator's Report

- 1) Received notification from GDOT of Letting of construction for the replacement of the Bridge on Ruffner Road at Potato Creek. It is the County's responsibility to maintain any local routes utilized in the detour with GDOT providing all necessary road closure and detour signage. No date has been set to start.
- 2) Received funds from FEMA in the amount of \$77,931.03 for the rain damage in December of 2015.
- 3) Completed and submitted the application for the 2017 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG).
- 4) Received results from the National Centers for Environmental Information related to Lamar County Storms. The types of events include Hail, Tornadoes, Flood, Snow, Tropical Storms, Hurricanes, Heat, Cold/Wind Chill, Thunderstorm Wind, Drought and Ice Storms. The total property damage is \$11,108,000.00 and the total crop damage is \$ 2,900,000.00.
 - 1) Number of days with events-134
 - 2) Number of days with events and death-1
 - 3) Number of days with events, deaths and injuries-2
 - 4) Number of days with events and crop damage-1
 - 5) Number of days with events and property damage-46
- 5) The Lamar County Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) has been paid off as of December 19th, 2016.

XI. Public Comments

Ivan Minks with Advocates for a Better Communities, Inc. gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant progress for the Lamar County Health Department. Mr. Minks reported that they met with the Architects and went through their requirements. They are working on the floor plans and the required spaces. They are in the process of getting building cost estimates. They are also working on the Environmental, Historic Preservation and Tribal Responses. This should be completed by January 15th. Commissioner Baker inquired about the time frame for receiving the grant. Mr. Minks replied that the deadline is April 3, 2017 and that they should know something by September of 2017. The earliest construction date is 2018. Mr. Minks reported that they had received some really good/bad pictures of the Health Department and requested that he receive rain event reports from County Administrator Zellner to match what is going on with Health Department.

Olin Dobbs of 49 Grove Street Barnesville addressed the board with his concerns about the condition of the grounds in front of Ebenezer Methodist Church on the corner of Hwy 109 and Hwy 18 due to people missing the turn and having to travel over onto the church property. Mr. Dobbs reported that 18 Wheelers often have to circle around in the church yard because of the turn. Mr. Dobbs also requested that the underbrush be cut back. Mr. Dobbs also requested that a new sign be put up on Hwy 18 because Mr. Dobbs realized that this is a state issue and that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is responsible but felt that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners carried more weight and requested that they contact them regarding this issue. Chairman Glass agreed to contact GDOT.

XII. Round Table

Commissioner Horton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and noted that the County Luncheon involved all Departments and Offices. Commissioner Horton said that we are blessed to live in a community where we all get along. Commissioner Horton thanked everyone in attendance and for being concerned enough to come to the meetings.

Commissioner Heiney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and requested that everyone consider how we drive on country roads.

Vice-Chairman Thrash wished everyone a Merry Christmas and presented Commissioner Baker with a Proclamation for his four years of outstanding service as a Commissioner on The Lamar County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Glass wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and stated that he was proud of the community and those that work for the county. Chairman Glass thanked Commissioner Baker for his service as a Commissioner.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Van Baker, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk