

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Jason Teal, Youth Minister for First Baptist Church of Barnesville, gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Approval**

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the following set of minutes. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-October 13th, 2016
- ii. Regular Business Meeting-October 18th, 2016

**V. McIntosh Trail Presentation**

Mike Hubbard, Executive Director for McIntosh Trail Community Service gave a Power Point presentation to the board. The vision of McIntosh Trail Community Service Board is to promote and support community cultures in which those who have or experience disabilities are visible, valued, participating and contributing members. Their mission is to offer individuals experiencing symptoms associated with mental illness, addictive disease and/or developmental disability the hope for optimal functioning by providing quality behavioral health services and supports. McIntosh Trail services Lamar, Butts, Fayette, Henry, Pike, Spalding, and Upson County. They are funded in the following ways.

1. 59 percent comes from contracts with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
2. 26 percent comes from Medicaid and Medicare.
3. 3 percent comes from the County.
4. 2 percent comes from other sources including grants.

McIntosh Trail employees 291 full time staff and 191 hourly staff through a staffing agency. They offer many different types of Mental Health Core Services which include Behavioral Health Assessment, Psychiatric Medical Assessment, Nursing Assessment, Individual,

Family and Group Therapy, Crisis Intervention and Community Support Services. McIntosh Trail also offers Mental Health Specialty Services. These include Peer Support, Pine Woods Behavioral Health Crisis Center Assertive Community Services (ACT), Residential Services, Inspirations, Personal Support, Options Shelter Plus Care, Intensive Treatment Residence and Georgia Housing Voucher Program. They offer addictive disease treatment services. These consist of Outpatient Services and Transitions. They offer several types of Developmental Disabilities Services and these include Residential Services, Day Services. Mr. Hubbard stated that McIntosh Trail has many strengths in their favor. The longevity of Staff, a positive financial audit, a positive documentation audit (91%), Perfect Shelter Plus Care Audit (1/14) flexible and competent staff, nice facilities, community collaborations, a Leadership Academy and they are CARF Accredited. They have several sites in Lamar County and they served around 620 clients in 2016.

## **VI. Board Appointments**

### *Library Board Re-Appointments*

Commissioner Horton made a motion to re-appoint the following members to the Barnesville Lamar County Library Board. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Amanda Buice
2. Pippa Lee Davis
3. Dr. E.H. Harris
4. Mr. Britt Lifsey
5. Mr. Bill Lindsey
6. Mrs. April Mason ( Replacing Mrs. Pat Edwards who has retired)

### *Planning Commission*

Commissioner Baker made a motion to re-appoint Mr. L.D. Parks to the Lamar County Planning Commission. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### *McIntosh Trail Community Service Board*

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the McIntosh Trail Community Service board member appointment replacing Nancy Anderson until the December Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board*

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the Region 6 Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities board member appointment until the December Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Resolutions**

### *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Resolutions*

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17 to Apply for CDBG Funds. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18 Providing for Required Local Matching Share of Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Application for Solid Waste*

Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-19, giving authorization to Execute Agreement Governing Expenditures for State & Local Government Costs. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Surplus of Tax Assessors Property**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve a list of surplus items (attached to the minutes) for the Tax Assessor. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Approval of County Auditor**

County Administrator Zellner stated that he had received two bids for the County Auditor. One from County Auditor Robyn Underwood and the other from Mauldin and Jenkins. The board discussed the pros and cons of having the same auditor for 20 years and the benefits of changing auditors. Commissioner Baker said that he was a firm believer of using local trade but being an auditor himself recognized that it is healthy to change auditors every couple of years. County Administrator Zellner stated that Mauldin and Jenkins provides educational training seminars to their clients. The board discussed the issue of having another set of eyes to review the audit. Commissioner Heiney pointed out that Ms. Underwood was substantially less than Mauldin and Jenkins and asked if it was that important to choose another auditor. Commissioner Horton stated that if there was a problem with the audit from Ms. Underwood that they would need to point this out to her before changing auditors. The board discussed various reasons for missed deadlines and attributing one factor to information not being received on a timely manner from the Law Library. The board pointed out that Ms. Underwood has a lot of clients but is only one person with a secretary to assist her as opposed to a big firm such as Mauldin and Jenkins who has a group of staff to assist with an audit. The board discussed the fact that Ms. Underwood is doing the job correctly and agreed that her rate is lower than a larger firm. Commissioner Baker calculated the proposed bid from Mauldin and Jenkins and found that for the hours of service and the amount of money that they have proposed for the first year, their bid was about the same as Ms. Underwood's bid. There was a question about Mauldin and Jenkins having a possible bill increase for the

future years and Commissioner Baker volunteered to contact Mauldin and Jenkins about this issue. The board agreed to table the approval of the County Auditor until the next business meeting. Vice-Chairman Thrash made a motion to table the approval of the County Auditor until the next Special Called meeting which will be held on November 18th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **X. Administrator's Report**

### **1. Report from Three Rivers Transit Operation**

#### **A. Operational Totals**

1. Total Trips: 3,319
2. Total Miles: 24,414
3. Service Hours: 1,369
4. Total Gallons: 2,908

#### **B. Operational Averages (2 vehicles)**

1. Average Trips: 632 per vehicle
2. Average Distance: 7.36 miles per trip
3. Average Gallons: 554 per vehicle per month
4. Average Fuel Price: \$1.90 per gallon
5. Average Miles: \$,650
6. Average Service Hours: 261 per vehicle per month

### **2. Inventory List from Fire Department donated to the County**

The total amount of grant money awarded to Lamar County Fire & Rescue from 2012-2016: \$45,989.63. Thanks were given to Interim Fire Chief Douglas Matthews and Members of the Fire Department.

1. MSA E6000 Thermal Imager Camera  
FIRELINE, INC. Cost \$6,896.00
2. London Fogger Smoke Machine  
Community Grant Cost \$1,891.20
3. Globe GXTREME Turnout Gear  
Fire Dept. (5) Sets \$2,500 Cost \$12,500.00
4. Power Roller and Go-Pack  
Southern Rivers Grant Cost \$8,195.00
5. (2) MSA Altair 5 Gas Monitors  
\$3,750 Colonia Pipeline Cost \$7,500.00
6. Rope Rescue and Systems  
Southern Rivers Grant Cost \$8,917.43

## **XI. Public Comments**

Fern Gentis of 108 Cedar Ridge Road stated that her house has not sold and she did a recent walk through. While she was there, she heard comments from her neighbors about roosters. Ms. Gentis wanted to know if there was a county ordinance that controls the amount of roosters that one can have. She said that there are free range chickens and roosters that are perching in backyards, back porches and on boats and they crow in the early morning hours.

Ms. Gents asked the board if there is a limit to amount of roosters you can have. Chairman Glass referred her to the Code Enforcement and Zoning Office for this information.

Brenda Ross of 386 Ingram Road addressed the board and stated that it is a good idea to have a fresh set of eyes to review the audit. Mrs. Ross stated that her sister n law Carol Waters was hired by the county to be a second set of eyes and found out that someone was embezzling money and that person actually went to prison.

**XII. Round Table**

Chairman Glass reminded everyone of the Veterans Ceremony annual observance at the Veterans Memorial at the Barnesville Lamar County Library. Chairman Glass stated that he appreciated all those that served. Chairman Glass announced that Red Ribbons are available for sale at the Barnesville Lamar County Library for a cost of \$10.00. This is to raise money for the Lamar County Law Enforcement.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Robert Heiney, Commissioner

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Van Baker, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk