

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES
December 13th, 2017
2:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 P.M. on December 13th, 2017. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner and County Clerk Davidson.

Agenda Discussion from the Board of Commissioners

- 1) Reviewed the following minutes.
 - a) Public Hearing-November 14th, 2017
 - b) Workshop Minute Meetings-November 14th, 2017
 - c) Regular Business Meeting-November 21st, 2017
- 2) Agreed to present a Proclamation in Honor of former Commissioner and Chairman Bobby Burnette.
- 3) Agreed to present a Proclamation commending Dr. Max Burns for his years of service to Gordon State College.
- 4) Agreed to add the Proposed Rezoning Ordinance 2017-07-2nd Reading and Building and Zoning director Dan Gunter agreed to provide Conditions to the Zoning that will be attached to the Ordinance.
- 5) Agreed to add a contract with Weight Watchers for the purpose of using the Senior Center to hold their meetings.
- 6) The board discussed the fact that Honeywood Farms wants to appeal their Beer and Wine License at the December meeting. Commissioner Thrash stated that she had spoken with the owners and explained to them that they would need a special permit to have special events. Vice-Chairman Horton stated that there are zoning issues happening in the City and the County that need to be addressed.
- 7) Agreed to add the Southern Correctional Medicine Contract for the Sheriff's Office. The contract covers all of the inmate health care except for the ones on work detail.
- 8) Agreed to add a Probation Services Agreement for the purpose of collecting fees for the Probate Court.
- 9) Agreed to add a Resolution to fix and publish the qualifying fees for public offices in Lamar County.
- 10) Agreed to add a Firefighter Cancer Resolution specifically to help counties satisfy the new requirement of providing firefighters with cancer benefits.
- 11) Reviewed the following Board Appointments:
 - Re-Appointment of Irvin Trice -Non-Public Member of the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission
 - Re-Appointment of Three Rivers Regional Commission-County-Bennie Horton
 - E911 Committee- County-Robert Heiney
 - Barnesville Lamar County Library Board
 - Lamar County Health Board-Ryran Traylor
 - Tax Assessors Board

- Resolution 2017-21 Re-Appoint Betty Smith Banks
- Resolution 2017-22 Re-Appoint Brad Bryan
- Resolution 2017-23 Replacing Claire White

The board discussed the fact that Tammy Cannon may be interested in this appointment. Commissioner Heiney stated that he would contact her in regards to this. There was discussion regarding training and the fact that each board member receives \$50.00 for each meeting that they attend.

- Board of Appeals-Re-Appoint Danny Vaughn
- 12) County Administrator reported that the owners of Mama's Kitchen have started a petition for the purpose of selling alcohol on Sunday because they would like to start a catering business and they would like to sell alcohol. County Administrator said that in years past that there wasn't enough interest in Sunday alcohol sales but that the Board had decided in a past planning session that they didn't have a problem with it if someone showed enough interest in it. County Administrator Zellner stated that he had spoken with County Attorney Mayfield and that there has to be a petition in order of it to go on the ballot and that it's up to the Board of Commissioners to say whether or not they want the Malt Beverage sales on Sunday. Chairman Glass stated that the Board of Commissioners has the authority to approve or deny putting it on the ballot. Chairman Glass stated that it would cost more to hold a Special Election as opposed to putting it on the November ballot. County Administrator Zellner stated that there is enough interest according to the public petition to put it on the ballot and there are already about 380 names on the petition. According to County Administrator Zellner, the petitions were placed at Mama's Kitchen, DB's Pizzeria, East/West Beverage and the VFW club. Chairman Glass stated that if the board chooses to do so, they have the option to either put it on the Primary Election in May or the General Election in November. Chairman Glass stated that no action would need to be taken at this meeting but that the owners of Mama's Kitchen may present this in the upcoming months.
 - 13) Chairman Glass stated that he met with Mr. Hamby who was planning to attend the meeting but after speaking to him he decided not to attend. The issue that he was having was at the Tax Commissioners Office and was related to a 1959 El Camino that he restored. Mr. Hamby had questions about the way they were assessing the value. He had received several quotes and one was as high as \$30,000.00. He has the option to get a certified appraiser for classic cars and because it is pre-1963 and he can't get a title. Chairman Glass said that it is not subject to the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) only subject to the tax which used to be known as the birthday tax which is 40 percent of the appraised value. If the value comes in at \$30,000.00 and they take 40 percent of that and apply the millage rate to that, it would be about \$680.00. Chairman Glass said that Mr. Hamby thought that he had to pay TAVT which would mean that he would have to pay seven percent but he doesn't have to pay the TAVT so he is good with this issue now.
 - 14) County Administrator Zellner gave a SPLOST II report that is attached to the minutes. The County breakdown of expenses is \$5,461,131.00. The County breakdown of Revenue for the County's portion is \$5,584,378.61 after expenditures. There is \$1,375,619.85 left over from SPLOST II that will be transferred to the General Fund. All of the projects for SPLOST II have been complete. There is \$650,000.00 that will be moved into the Project Fund. There is \$452,818.73 that will go towards paying off the loans and \$272,801.12 will remain in the General Fund for Contingencies to reduce the Millage Rate for 2018.

- 15) County Administrator Zellner stated that he had spoken to City Manager Kenny Roberts regarding using the City of Barnesville for doing inspections on a contract basis. Mr. Roberts said that this could be done and that he is interested in providing this service to the County.
- 16) Commissioner Thrash gave a report on her trip to Washington. The National Association of County Commissioners (NACO) gave a reception and it was an excellent turnout. About 125 Commissioners attended and they were given a tour of the White House. Commissioner Thrash stated that they met with the Vice-President along with Small Business Administration, Energy and Transportation, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Housing and Urban Development. The Vice-President said that the President of the United States is open to listening to local officials about things that are happening in Washington and how it has a trickle-down effect on the Counties.
- 17) Chairman Glass stated that he sent an email to the Board regarding Lamar County having AT&T internet service in the County but said that it wasn't available at his house at this time.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. to go into executive session. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session and Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Workshop at approximately 3:55 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk