

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
January 17th 2017

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner 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. Reverend Tom McElroy of the First United Methodist Church of Barnesville gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning App #2016-02 by Brosis Enterprises, Inc. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reconvene Public Hearing

Vice-Chairman Horton called for a motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Minutes Approval

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

- i. December 13th, 2016 Public Hearing
- ii. December 13th, 2016-Workshop
- iii. December 20th, 2016-Regular Business Meeting

- VII.** Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) in the amount of 3.5 million dollars for 2017 and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 Tax Assessor Board for the purpose of re-appointing a member to the Lamar County Board of Tax Assessors. The Resolution confirms the appointment of Betty Banks replacing Tammy Merritt with the term expiring on 12/31/2017 and the re-appointment of Claire White and John Robinson for a term period of six years expiring on 12/31/2020. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Board Appointments

- i. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Vice-Chairman Horton to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board replacing Nancy Anderson whose term will expire on June 30th, 2017. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Ryran Traylor to the Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board replacing Katherine McHan whose term will expire on June 30th, 2018. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to appoint Industrial Authority (IDA) Director Kathy Oxford to the Southern Crescent Board of Directors replacing former IDA director Missy Kendrick. The term will expire December 31st, 2017. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Dean Gore to the Board of Appeals for a term of three years. The term expires on 1/1/2020. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Approve Rezoning App #2016-02 by Brosis Enterprises, Inc.

The Board took no action regarding the approval of Rezoning Application 2016-02 by Brosis Enterprises, Inc.

XI. Purchase Equipment-Motor Grade

County Administrator Zellner requested that the board approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Motor Grader from Yancey for a total quote price of \$217,236.00. The monthly payments will be approximately \$2046.00 with an option to lease the motor grader for a period of 60 months. After five years they could turn the equipment back in and renew the lease agreement with a new motor grader. The buyout payment would be \$148,765.00. Another option would be to take it on a five year lease and with a dollar buyback and then it would belong to the county. The payment on this option would be \$3931.80. They both have a five year warranty. However, with this option, at the end of five years this warranty goes away and it is the county's to maintain. Commissioner Thrash inquired if County Administrator Zellner had contacted other finance agencies such as United Bank or BB&T/ACCG. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the longevity of the equipment and County Administrator Zellner stated that they had purchased one Motor Grader in 1980 and the other in 1996. The one purchased in 1980 is going into surplus or being sold on govdeals.com for around \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Commissioner Thrash requested that they put this purchase on hold until the

County Administrator could contact BB&T/ACCG. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the request and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Administrator's Report

2016 Year-end Summary from County:

EMA Received 2 new Early Warning Sirens and placed them at Chappell Mill Rd and High Falls Rd. Applied for two additional Sirens to be placed on Bottoms Rd and one at Bush Rd. Received \$77,000 Public Assistance, \$38,000 Early Warning Sirens, \$6,000 PPA and \$4,000 LEPC.

Senior Center served over 17,000 meals between Home Delivered and Congregate at the center. Activity participation averaged 34 people per day.

Fire Department Started keeping a more accurate accounting of calls in May, so these figures are from May thru December: Fire – 83 which included building, structure other than building, cooking fire, passenger vehicle, road freight, camper, natural vegetation, forest or woods fire, brush, grass, outside rubbish trash or waste fires, dumpster or other outside trash fire.

Explosions – 1

Rescue & Emergency Medical Service - 279

Hazardous Conditions (no fire) - 16 which included Gas leaks, Chemical spills, overheated motor, power lines, arcing or shorting electrical equipment.

Service Calls: -15 which included person in distress; fire watch; assist police; tree down; assist with invalid and unauthorized burning.

Good Intent Call - 178 Dispatched and cancelled calls; no incident found on arrival at dispatched address, authorized controlled burning and smoke scare or odor of smoke

False Alarm & False Call -14 which included telephone or malicious false alarms; local alarm systems; bomb scare and smoke detector. The total number of calls entered into the new system was 586 and the total calls for 2016 for Medical and Fire was 1017. The final payment was made for the two new fire engines that were purchased through 2011 SPLOST.

Code Enforcement Building Inspections and Animal Control Bldg. Inspections - 481

Code Enforcement - 21 with 1 resolution

Animal Control - Total animals picked up – 284

Total reclaimed - 14

Total adopted - 1

Total rescued - 80

Total euthanized - 186

Total miles driven for animal control and sign maintenance 15,217 miles/991 gallons gasoline.

The total miles driven for Code Enforcement and Inspections 13,409/730 gallons of gasoline.

Public Works Road Maintenance - 3,504.5 man hours with a total cost of \$388,419.69. Made the final payment on the road paving equipment, which included the tar distributor, chip spreader and steel wheel roller purchased to pave and resurface roads with tar and gravel from the 2011 SPLOST.

XIII. Public Comments

Robert Neal Devane of 103 Lambdin Circle addressed the board and stated that when you make a large purchase for a big piece of equipment and someone such as Ford Motor Finances the equipment the payment is cut down. If Caterpillar loses the financing, then the bill is bigger. If you try and undercut them then you run the risk of losing the deal on the equipment.

XIV. Round Table

1. Commissioner Heiney welcomed Commissioner Traylor to the board.
2. Commissioner Traylor stated that he is excited to be on the board and has wanted to be on the Board of Commissioners since he was a kid.
3. Commissioner Thrash stated she appreciates all of the hard work that County Administrator Zellner has put into the planning process for Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash said that he has also worked very hard on keeping the budget intact. Commissioner Thrash recognized that he has vision for the county and thanked him for his leadership.
4. Chairman Glass commented to Commissioner Traylor that if being on the board is a childhood dream then welcome to the first meeting of the rest of your life. Chairman Glass also stated that 2016 was a prosperous year and thanked the citizens of Lamar County.

XV. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Horton to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss the Lamar County Fire Chief Candidate to select the three finalist. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board returned from executive session at approximately 8:19 p.m. and announced the three candidates for the Lamar County Fire Chief. The candidates selected were James Dycus, William Collier and Douglas Matthews.

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