

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
March 21st, 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 Keith Battle from Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Chairman Glass called for a recess to hold a Public Hearing for the Rezoning App. #2017-01 by Village Developers LLC.

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 Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Meeting-March 16th, 2017
- ii. Regular Business Meeting-March 21st, 2017

VII. Proclamation

Commissioner Traylor read and presented a Proclamation to the staff and board members of the Lamar County Department of Family and Children Services declaring the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lamar County. Child Protective Services staff in Lamar County are dedicated to meeting the needs of children and improving family life by building a prevention network of individuals, dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect

in all its forms. The Board of Commissioners of Lamar County urged all citizens to work together to make this year a safer one for the children in our community.

VIII. Ordinance 2017-01-Approval of the Rezoning App #2017-01 by Village Developers

LLC

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 rezoning app #2017-01 by Village Developers LLC to rezone the Needleleaf Subdivision from A-R to R-3. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. There was then discussion about modular homes on the property. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to amend the motion to include conditions to the Ordinance that allows for no modular homes to be located on the property. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 rezoning app #2017-01 by Village Developers LLC to rezone the Needleleaf Subdivision from A-R to R-3 with conditions that no manufactured homes shall be located on the property. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Purchase of Dump Truck

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2018 Kenworth Dump Truck for an equipment cost of \$132,998.75 from MHC Kenworth. The board agreed to finance the dump truck with BB&T/ACCG for a rate of 2.46 percent. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner gave the following report:

1. Accounts Receivable:

For the month of February

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$70,551.06.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$125,993.83.
Total General Fund Receipt of \$801,946.30.

2. Accounts Payable:

For the month of February

- i. Processed 136 General Fund checks for a total of \$214,966.02.
- ii. Processed 8 SPLOST checks for a total of \$76,465.27.
- iii. Processed \$51,657.47 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion
Total of All Accounts of \$609,368.64.

3. Purchasing

For the month of February

- i. Processed 5 Purchase Orders

4. Public Works

- i. Completed 44 Work Orders for a total cost of \$44,872.69.
Included in the Work Order total:
 1. Scraped 4.76 miles of roads, with 143.5 man hours for a total cost of \$15,046.47 with 143.5 man hours.
 2. Serviced 35 vehicles for a total cost for parts of \$ 4,877.50 with 92.5 man-hours.
 3. Completed 142.5 man hours repairing pots holes for a cost of \$8,802.08.
 4. Worked 210 Man hours on culverts with a total cost of \$20,549.65.
 5. Worked 104 Man hours cutting right of way for a total cost of \$10,910.17.
 6. Put out gravel on roads with 13 man hours for a total cost of \$1,173.42.
 7. Illegal dumping with 4 man hours for a total cost of \$219.44.
 8. 3 damaged signs with 4 man hours for a total cost of \$41.42.
 9. 3 man hours on tree limbs for a total cost of \$57,711.96.
 10. Total fuel used was 1,047.5 gallons of diesel and 1,176.30 gallons of gas.

5. Planning and Zoning

- i. Issued 0 Commercial Occupational Tax Licenses.
- i. Home Occupational Tax Licenses Issued:
 1. 3 New
 2. 37 Renewals
 3. 3 Non-Renewals
 4. Issued 25 Walk-Ins and 43 Call Zoning
 5. Issued around 60 verbal zoning verifications
 6. 3 Plat Plan Reviews
 7. 0 Minor Subdivision Application

5. Code Enforcement

- i. Completed 2 Code Compliance Inspections.
- ii. Completed 0 Code Compliance Letters.
- iii. Logged 702 miles using 43.2 gallons of gasoline.

6. Building Permits and Inspections

- i. Issued 4 Site Built Homes.
- ii. Issued 1 Electrical Permits.
- iii. Issued 4 Accessory Bldgs. (Barnes, etc.) Permits.
- iv. Issued 1 Addition to Home Permits.
- v. Issued 1 Commercial Bldg. Permit.
- vi. Issued 2 Manufactured Home Permits.
- vii. Issued 1 Detached Garage Permit.
- viii. Issued 1 Carport Permit.
- ix. Completed 73 Building Inspections.
- x. Completed 3 Consultations.
- xi. Completed 7 Sign Work Orders.
- xii. Installed signs for Re-Zoning at Needle Leaf Subdivision.

7. Animal Control

- i. 14 Animal Control Works Orders.
- ii. 3 Dogs picked up.
- iii. 2 Cats picked up.
- iv. Removed 2 dead animals.
- v. Euthanized 10 animals.
- vi. Logged 1254 miles using 90.3 gallons of gasoline.

8. Senior Center

- i. 0 Facility Rentals.
- ii. 678 Congregate Meals served \$639.32.
- iii. 695 Home Delivered Meals delivered \$137.00.
- iv. Daily Activity Average at the Center 57.

9. Parks and Recreation

- i. Soccer started March 4th
- ii. Games are being played all day Saturdays and 2 to 3 games on Sunday.
- iii. Baseball opened March 18th with opening day ceremonies.
- iv. Approximately 400 kids have signed up for soccer, baseball, softball, wee-ball and tee-ball.

10. Emergency Management Agency

- i. Received \$5,495.00 from the PPA Grant and \$500.00 for training from FEMA.

11. Fire Department

- i. Responded to 19 calls for controlled burning, cooking fires, grass fires, lightning

- strikes, trash fires and downed power lines.
- ii. Responded to 26 medical calls.
- iii. Responded to 7 vehicle accidents.
- iv. 22 calls cancelled in route.

XI. Public Comments

Sandra Puckett of 638 Yatesville Road addressed the board with several concerns. Ms. Puckett would like to have reflectors placed on Yatesville Road because at night it is hard to see the road. Ms. Puckett requested to have the portion of McCollum Road that is in bad shape to be resurfaced. Ms. Puckett also requested that Holly Grove Road be fixed since she has relatives on that road that she can't get to because of the road being in such bad shape. Ms. Puckett stated that she will not even drive her car down this road. Ms. Puckett also mentioned that trucks are still continuing to come down Yatesville Road. Chairman Glass advised Ms. Puckett to contact the Sheriff's Office regarding the trucks. Chairman Glass also stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has some emergency funds that are designated for safety concerns to help with some of these issues and they may use these funds to purchase the reflectors. Chairman Glass said that he would have Public Works work on both McCollum Road and Holly Springs Road.

XII. Round Table

Vice-Chairman Horton stated that he would like to see more citizens get involved with the voting process. Vice-Chairman Horton stated that even though the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) passed, the turnout was very low compared to the number of citizens in Lamar County.

Commissioner Traylor thanked Ms. Puckett for attending the meeting and for bringing her concerns to the board. Commissioner Traylor praised the Sheriff's Office for their hard work and for one of their deputies, Deputy Henson, who spotted a trespasser on his property and also noticed a fire that was burning on his property. The Fire Department was dispatched and was able to use a back pack blower to contain the fire around the exterior area of the property, which was about a 60 x 70 ft. area. This technique saved his property.

Commissioner Thrash also commended the Sheriff's Office regarding an incident where they saw smoke coming from a house and ultimately saved that persons' life. Commissioner Thrash commended the Sheriff's Office for their hard work. Commissioner Thrash reported that the Legislature has passed a Firefighters Bill which is a cancer bill for Firefighters. Commissioner Thrash stated that there is no measurement for what caused the cancer and this could cost the counties a lot of money. Commissioner Thrash stated that if this is the case for Lamar County then the millage rate might have to be raised to take care of the cost. As the Legislative Liaison for Lamar County, Commissioner Thrash encouraged everyone to watch the Legislature for things that effect you and requested that everyone write or call their Legislative Leaders.

County Administrator Zellner commended the Sheriff's Office and their deputies for patrolling the county and in particular his own property. One of the Sheriff's deputies noticed that a window had been broken on the backside of his house and contacted him to let him know. The deputy went a step further and came back to his house the next evening to make sure everything was still alright.

Chairman Glass stated that he and other board members have a meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation in Thomaston, Georgia to discuss Industrial Drive. Chairman Glass noted that one of the things that GDOT used emergencies funds for in the past includes the U Turn on Hwy 341 and Grove Street and the left turn lane on Veterans Parkway and Redbud Drive. They also help with minor issues such as signage. Chairman Glass noted that with the SPLOST vote that were a 2 percent turnout in early voting and that with a 9.4 million dollar SPLOST budget the vote was decided by a handful of citizens. Chairman Glass announced that the blood drive will be held on March 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and that homemade cookies will be available. They are made by the Women's League. Chairman Glass also announced that there would be a Dedication Ceremony/Memorial for the late Fire Chief Steve Andrews on March 31st, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. This will be held at the Lamar County Fire Station 1 on 107 Country Kitchen Road and is sponsored by Leadership Lamar.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and Commissioner Traylor 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