

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
April 18th, 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. Tommy Holton from Rock Springs Congregational Methodist Church gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the approval of purchasing voting machines for the Board of Elections. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

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

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

V. Proclamations

- i. Commissioner Thrash read and presented a Proclamation to several members of the Rock Springs Congregational Methodist Church including Tommy and Lora Holton and Commissioner Traylor. Rock Springs Congregational Methodist Church was established in 1852 and was one of the first churches in the Congregational Methodist Denomination. Rock Springs Church was blessed to have Dr. Benny Tate come to be the Pastor in 1990 and under his leadership, the church has flourished from 25 members to over 7,000 members expanding to five campuses in addition to the main campus. Rock Springs Church provides multiple ministries including Rock Springs Christian Academy, Rock Springs Medical Clinic, and the Potters House for Women, and Impact Street Ministry for the Homeless and many others. Rock Springs Church believes that in order to impact the next generation there must be an investment in our children. Dr. Tate saw a need and after ten years of planning and many prayers, Rock

- Springs Church recently completed construction of its Children's Ministry and Education Building. The three story structure being 39,000 total square feet, including a two story indoor playground, nineteen new children and nursery areas, ten large classrooms for the growth of the Sunday School program and two 2,200 square foot auditoriums for Children's-Church services. The Lamar County Board of Commissioners, recognized and honored Rock Springs Church for its contributions and investments in our community, and for leading souls to Jesus Christ making a lasting difference in lives.
- ii. Chairman Glass read a Proclamation for National Donate Life Month where one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the Gift of Life and where more than 121,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 5,590 reside in Georgia. The need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 10 minutes and the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 22 people die daily due to the lack of available organs. Organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life. Donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we Lamar County citizens can perform. More than 4.7 million Georgians have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life and LifeLink of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy and Lamar County supports the life-saving mission of LifeLink and proclaims April as Donate Life Month.

VI. Lamar County Health Department

Sherry Farr County Nurse Manager Lamar/Upson County with the District 4, Georgia Department of Public Health gave an annual presentation to the board. Mrs. Farr made the following points in her presentation.

1. The operating budget comes from various sources including GGIA funding (20-40%), County contributions and Fees (minimal and variable) (20-50%).
2. The budget has increased from \$155,631 in 2012 to \$196,529 in 2016.
3. The county participation has increased from \$ 100,000 in 2012 to \$95,000 in 2016.
4. The fees based on income have gone from \$441,407 in 2013 to \$551,429 in 2016. The fees based on expenses have gone from \$ 454,413 in 2013 to \$527,007 in 2016.
5. The County health ranking and roadmaps have gone from 85 out of 159 in 2015 to 87 out of 159 in 2017. This ranking is calculated based on criteria received district wide.
6. Areas to explore include smoking, adult obesity, uninsured, unemployment, children living in poverty, and income inequality.
7. Low birthweight from 2011 to 2015 has fluctuated in Lamar County from 22.5 to 20 lbs.
8. Teen pregnancies from 2011 to 2015 have fluctuated in Lamar County from 11 to 7.
9. STD incidents from 2010 to 2014 for Youth ages 15-19 (per 1,000) have fluctuated in Lamar County from 60 to 25.

10. The goals for 2017 include working with community partners on ways to address community health needs, continuing to work on a Telehealth System for Behavioral Health needs and continuing to work on Public Health accreditation, maintaining a positive cash flow with a focus on increasing revenue and improving the facility. Currently Lamar County has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the purpose of building a new Health Facility but the approval of this grant will not be announced until September or October of 2017.

VII. Voting Machines for the Board of Elections

Chairman Glass stated that the Board of Elections Supervisor Reed had found 32 DRE TSX voting machines offered by the state of California that had only been used one time and were being surplused. The voting machines normally sell for \$2000.00 each. The Board of Commissioners most approve purchases over \$7,500.00. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the purchase of 32 voting machines for the Board of Elections for a purchase price of \$350.00 each. The software cost to program each machine is \$150.00. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner gave the following report for the Month of March.

1. Accounts Receivable:

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$69,389.21.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$123,912.22.
- iii. Total General Fund Receipt of \$415,582.46.

2. Accounts Payable:

- i. Processed 141 General Fund checks for a total of \$554,149.40.
- ii. Processed 12 SPLOST checks for a total of \$74,161.66.
- iii. Processed \$50,804.01 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion.

Total of All Accounts of \$828,536.96.

3. Purchasing

- i. Processed 7 Purchase Orders.

4. Public Works

- i. Completed 44 Work Orders for a total cost of \$81,668.80.
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
 1. Scraped 9.52 miles of roads, with 287 man hours for a total cost of \$24,021.23.
 2. Serviced 23 vehicles for a total cost for parts of \$ 2052.11 with 37 man-hours.
 3. Worked 57 man hours on culverts with a total cost of \$4236.03

4. Worked 467.50 man hours on cutting right of way for a total cost of \$46,170.33.
5. Illegal dumping with 24 man hours for a total cost of \$791.98.
6. 3 damaged signs with 4 man hours for a total cost of \$444.22.
7. 62 man hours on tree limbs for a total cost of \$2,668.03.
8. Total fuel used was 1,198.70 gallons of diesel and 1,376.1 gallons of gas.

5. Planning and Zoning

- i. Issued 0 Commercial Occupational Tax Licenses.
- i. Home Occupational Tax Licenses Issued:
 1. 9 New
 2. 90 Renewals
 3. 7 Non-Renewals
 4. Issued 34 Walk-Ins and 72 Call Zoning
 5. Issued around 60 verbal zoning verifications.

5. Code Enforcement

- i. Completed 1 Code Compliance Inspections.
- ii. Completed 0 Code Compliance Letters.
- iii. Logged 1640 miles using 111.7 gallons of gasoline.

6. Building Permits and Inspections

- i. Issued 0 Site Built Homes.
- ii. Issued 4 Electrical Permits.
- iii. Issued 5 Accessory Bldgs. (Barns, etc.) Permits.
- iv. Issued 1 Addition to Home Permits.
- v. Issued 2 Repair/Remodel Permits.
- vi. Issued 1 Commercial Bldg. Permit.
- vii. Issued 1 Manufactured Home Permits.
- viii. Issued 1 Detached Garage Permit.
- ix. Issued 3 Deck/Patio Permits.
- x. Issued 1 Cell Tower Upgrade Permits.
- xi. Completed 106 Building Inspections.
- xii. Completed 3 Consultations.
- xiii. Completed 7 Sign Work Orders.
- xiv. Certificate of Occupancy:
 - a. 8 Single Family Residences
 - b. 2 Swimming Pools
 - c. 1 Detached Garage

7. Animal Control

- i. 15 Animal Control Works Orders.
- ii. 15 Dogs picked up.
- iii. 11 Cats picked up.
- iv. 3 Chickens picked up.
- v. Removed 1 dead animals.
- vi. 4 animals euthanized.
- vii. Logged 1254 miles using 90.3 gallons of gasoline.

8. Senior Center

- i. 1 Facility Rental for \$232.00.
- ii. 910 Congregate Meals served \$674.30.
- iii. 937 Home Delivered Meals delivered \$192.00.
- iv. Daily Activity Average at the Center 53.

9. Parks and Recreation

- i. Received word from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources that we did not receive the Trail Grant for \$100,000.00. It was highly competitive so we plan to reapply next year.

10. Fire Department

- i. Responded to 37 calls for controlled burning, cooking fires, grass fires, lightning strikes, trash fires and downed power lines.
- ii. Responded to 42 medical calls.
- iii. Responded to 6 vehicle accidents.
- iv. 28 calls cancelled in route.
- v. Total calls for March 113

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 announced that his band would be playing at the BBQ and Blues Festival this coming Friday night.

Commissioner Heiney encouraged everyone to slow while driving down on country roads.

Commissioner Traylor stated that he had spoken recently to the new Lamar County High School football coach and learned that he is very interested in getting involved in the community. Commissioner Traylor requested that everyone show him southern hospitality if you see him.

County Administrator Zellner gave an estimated material cost for fixing pavement issues on Bottoms Road and Harmony Hill Road. There was discussion about the swamp and the power lines on Harmony Hill Road. It was suggested that a Deep Reclamation be done to fix the road. Chairman Glass congratulated Commissioner Thrash on her appointment to the ACCG Executive Board. Chairman Glass also invited everyone to the BBQ and Blues Festival this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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