

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
May 16th, 2017

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, County Administrator Zellner, County Clerk Davidson and County Attorney Mayfield. Commissioner Thrash was absent for the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. James Hugh of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Chairman Glass announced that Commissioner Thrash was absent due to being in Washington D.C. with the National Association of Counties (NACO) working on legislative issues and she asked to be excused. Chairman Glass said that she misses everyone and asked that everyone keep her in their prayers for safe travels.

III. Agenda Approval

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

IV. 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-April 13th, 2017
- ii. Regular Business Meeting-April 18th, 2017

V. Proclamations

i. Shiloh Baptist Church

Commissioner Heiney presented a Proclamation to members of the Shiloh Baptist Church where Shiloh Baptist Church was established in May, 1847 on a spot then known as Rocky Nole Hill and some of the founders of Shiloh Baptist Church were Reverend Sandford Alexander, Deacon Armstrong Callaway, Deacon Jack Trice, Deacon John Willis, Deacon Ezra Willis and Deacon Gus Smith. Sardis Missionary Baptist Church has served the community continuously for 170 years and is commemorating its 170th anniversary on

May 21, 2017. The Board of Commissioners of Lamar County recognized Shiloh Baptist Church for their long and continuous history and their many contributions to our community.

ii. Sardis Missionary Baptist Church

Chairman Glass presented a Proclamation to members of the Sardis Missionary Baptist Church. From the beginning, Shiloh Baptist Church was founded and throughout the history of Sardis Missionary Baptist there have been several ministers who have accepted the call, the most recent being Reverend D.L. Driver who was called to minister in 1980 and currently serves as pastor. Lamar County desires to recognize and congratulate Shiloh Baptist Church its 127 year anniversary. The Lamar County Board of Commissioners recognizes and congratulates Sardis Missionary Baptist on 127 years of serving the spiritual needs of its members and the County, and most of all, serving God. Reverend Driver thanked all of the Board of Commissioners on behalf of all of the members of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church and the Community for taking the time to honor them with this Proclamation and said that they were so humble for this and thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart.

Chairman Glass noted that it was an honor for the board to present Proclamations to both churches and said, "It is the work that ya'll do that makes us such a great community and it was a great way to start a meeting."

VI. Approval of Beer and Wine License-Mama's Kitchen

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve a Beer and Wine License for Mama's Kitchen. The application fee is \$100.00. The type of license is for a "By the Drink Malt Beverage" with an Annual License Fee of \$500.00. The license will expire on 12/30/2017. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Insurance Plan for 2017-18

Chairman Glass stated that a workshop regarding the renewal of the Lamar County Insurance Plan had been conducted at 6:00 p.m. and that options to consider were a renewal rate increase if they stay with the current Insurance Provider Blue Cross Blue Shield or change to United Health Care who has a lower current medical plan cost based on the claims history for the county. Chairman Glass noted that if they go with United Health Care then they will not be able to go back to Blue Cross Blue Shield for two years and there would be a ten percent increase to the renewal. Chairman Glass stated that there are significant risks to not staying with Blue Cross Blue Shield and they need to think about that. Chairman Glass stated that there is also a Wellness Program associated with the Insurance Plans to consider. Chairman Glass stated that he spoke with Commissioner Thrash after the workshop via phone conference and she said that there were other options to consider. Chairman Glass explained that Commissioner Thrash is the Chairman for the Health and Wellness Committee for ACCG and that she would like to have a Special Called Meeting to discuss these options. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to table the approval of the Insurance Plan until May

24th at 3:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Three Rivers Regional Commission-Transportation Service Agreement Contract Year for 2018.

County Administrator Zellner gave a Transit Operations Report as follows:

Operational Totals Year to Date

Total Trips: 10,389

Total Miles: 83,377

Service Hours: 4384

Total Gallons: 9524

Operational Averages (1.75 vehicles)

Avg. Trips: 495 per vehicle per month

Avg. Distance: 8.03 miles per trip

Avg. Gallons: 454 per vehicle per month

Avg. Fuel Price 1.86 per gallon

Avg. Miles: 3970 per vehicle per month

Avg. Service Hours: 209 per vehicle per month

Trip Purpose: (10,389) trips this year

33% Senior Citizens

29% Employment

16% Social

13% Medical

9% Personal

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the Transportation Service Agreement Contract for the year 2018 with Three Rivers Regional Transportation Commission. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Approval of Towaliga Budget

Chairman Glass explained that the Towaliga Circuit Budget includes the budget for the Judges even though the salary is paid by the state. The office supplies and staff are covered by the three counties that make up the circuit. Lamar County covers the Assistant District Attorney and other operating expenses and The Victim's Services aspect of the District Attorney's office. The Juvenile Judge is paid for by State and the secretary and other aspects of the office is paid by the circuit. The Public Defender is paid by State. The Assistant Public Defender and his offices are covered by the circuit. There is a special Juvenile Justice that is paid for by the State. Some of those administration services fall under the circuit. The Juvenile Drug Court is paid by the circuit but largely paid for by a grant. The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) helps alleviate some of our cost with juvenile cases and is covered partially by the circuit and partially by a grant. All of these items are included in the Towaliga Circuit budget. Chairman Glass said that the Towaliga Circuit Budget runs from July 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the

Towaliga Budget for 2018. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Towaliga Circuit Budget is attached to the minutes.

X. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner reported that in April the county had a negative balance of \$700,670.00 and the total receipts was \$312,000.00. Payroll and expenses were \$729,000.00. County Administrator Zellner said, "We were short \$1.1 million dollars and \$1.3 million was previously projected. We were actually short \$1.184 million dollars. County Administrator Zellner stated that we are still on target as to how we should receive our money in the upcoming months.

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

1. Accounts Receivable:

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$74,582.07.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$133,170.07.
- iii. Total General Fund Receipt of \$311,980.75.

2. Accounts Payable:

- i. Processed 152 General Fund checks for a total of \$293,147.28.
- ii. Processed 6 SPLOST checks for a total of \$69,652.80 including the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion of \$54,599.73.

3. Purchasing

- i. Processed 6 Purchase Orders.

4. Public Works

- i. Completed 31 Work Orders for a total cost of \$67,525.59.
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
 1. Scraped 6.9 miles of roads, with 101 man hours for a total cost of \$8,888.64.
 2. Serviced 23 vehicles for a total cost for parts of \$5213.60 with 135.5 man-hours.
 3. Completed 12 man-hours repairing potholes for a total cost of \$756.30.
 4. Worked 144 man hours on culverts for a total cost of \$14,192.33.
 5. Worked 257.5 man-hours cutting right of way for a total cost of \$26,020.96.
 6. Put out gravel on roads with 69 man-hours for a total cost of \$5,442.36.
 7. Damaged signs 21.5 hours \$157.81 and 91.5 man-hours on tree limbs for a total cost of \$3,669.87.
 8. Total fuel used was 992.2 gallons of diesel and 941.70 gallons of gas.

5. Planning and Zoning

- i. Issued 0 Commercial Occupational Tax Licenses.
- i. Home Occupational Tax Licenses Issued:

1. 5 New
2. 36 Renewals
3. 6 Non-Renewals
4. Issued 37 Walk-Ins and 72 Call Zoning
5. Issued around 69 verbal zoning verifications.
6. 4 Plat Plan Reviews

5. Code Enforcement

- i. Completed 1 Code Compliance Inspection.
- ii. Completed 1 Code Compliance Letter.
- iii. Logged 1265 miles using 60.5 gallons of gasoline.

6. Building Permits and Inspections

- i. Issued 1 Site Built Home.
- ii. Issued 1 Electrical Permit.
- iii. Issued 2 Accessory Bldgs. (Barnes, etc.) Permits.
- iv. Issued 1 Addition to Home Permit.
- v. Issued 1 Manufactured Home Permit.
- vi. Issued 1 Deck/Patio Permit.
- vii. Issued 1 Cell Tower Upgrade Permit.
- viii. Completed 46 Building Inspections.
- ix. Completed 2 Consultations.
- x. Completed 7 Sign Work Orders.
- xi. Certificate of Occupancy:
 - a. 2 Single Family Residences.
 - b. 1 Educational Bldg. for Rock Springs Church.
 - c. 1 Addition to a Home.

7. Animal Control

- i. 19 Animal Control Work Orders.
- ii. 4 Dogs Picked Up.
- iii. 9 Cats Picked Up.
- iv. 1 Goat Picked Up.
- v. 4 Animals Euthanized.
- vi. Logged 1222 Miles using 93 Gallons of Gasoline.

8. Senior Center

- i. 573 Congregate Meals served \$435.80.
- ii. 680 Home Delivered Meals delivered \$119.00.

iii. Daily Activity Average at the Center 56.

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 197 calls for controlled burning, cooking fires, grass fires, lightning strikes, trash fires and downed power lines.
- ii. Responded to 35 medical calls.
- iii. Responded to 3 vehicle accidents.
- iv. 19 calls cancelled in route.
- v. Total calls for March was 76.

XI. Public Comments

Alan Nadzam of 774 Cannafax Road, Barnesville addressed the board with his concerns regarding the trash being dumped in the Needleleaf Subdivision. Mr. Nadzam stated that 14 years ago he built his home on 21.32 acres of land and his brick home sits in the middle of the property. Mr. Nadzam stated that he finally paid off his mortgage and now he has to look at trash being dumped on Needleleaf Drive. Mr. Nadzam said that he has complained to the Sheriff's Office about the trucks that have been coming onto the empty subdivision dumping tires, pallets, mattresses and roofing materials. Mr. Nadzam brought pictures for the board to review and stated that he had spoken to Commissioner Traylor about this issue along with the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Nadzam stated that he has a 13 year old grandson that has Downs Syndrome who likes to roam the property and he is concerned about the rats and the snakes that come onto his property. Mr. Nadzam said that automobile tires are everywhere and this borders his property. Mr. Nadzam stated that Chairman Matthews actually closed the road at one time but because of the complaints he received for closing the road he opened the road back up. Mr. Nadzam stated that he is proud to live in Lamar County but for the taxes that he pays, he doesn't deserve this. Mr. Nadzam stated that he has a beautiful home and is embarrassed by the debris. Mr. Nadzam said that there are condoms all on the road and it's embarrassing. He also said that there is a county dump just 2 miles away and people still drive back there on this property and dump everything. Chairman Glass referred Mr. Nadzam to the Sheriff's Office who is primarily focused on public safety but stated that he would have the Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works Department investigate this issue.

Vice-Chairman Horton thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He told Mr. Nadzam that he would do everything in his power to get the debris issue resolved. Commissioner Horton stated that the BBQ and Blues Festival went great and he thanked Walter Geiger for playing the Dobro Guitar during the BBQ and Blues Festival and stated that one of these days he will get him to teach him how to play it. Vice-Chairman Horton said that we still live in greatest country in the world and recently while he was on his lawn mower with dirty clothes he

thought about how refreshing it was to be able to do that in this county and this country. Commissioner Horton said that he is glad that he can thank God for all of his blessings.

Commissioner Heiney said the Scripture says that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Commissioner Heiney stated that it is because of Churches such as Shiloh Baptist and Sardis Missionary Baptist that God is working and blessing our community and he thanks God for Churches. Commissioner Heiney said that he is sympathetic to the situation that Mr. Nadzam is up against and would like to see them get caught with heavy fines and also make them clean up the whole mess.

Commissioner Traylor thanked everyone for coming out tonight and stated that he thought they had had an exciting meeting and even though people think that Proclamations extend the meeting time it is really an opportunity to recognize churches and individuals. Commissioner Traylor stated that he wished his son had come to hear the historical information. Commissioner Traylor addressed Mr. Nadzam and stated that he would follow-up on the debris being dumped in the Needleleaf Subdivision. Commissioner Traylor also recognized the Lamar County Lady Trojans Soccer Team who made it to the final 4 and wanted to publicly congratulate and rally around the team and support the sport. Commissioner Traylor said that the community had supported him when he played football and it was something he remembers and even though football is more to his heart he wants the community to rally around soccer and other sports in the community as well.

Chairman Glass echoed all of the positive comments. Chairman Glass said that we still have small problems to attack and work on but we have a good staff, great citizens and a community that looks out for each other. Chairman Glass stated that he hasn't always lived here but he is glad to be able to spend the rest of his life here in Lamar County. Chairman Glass also thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

XII. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 8:47. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:48 p.m. and Vice-Chairman Horton 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

Absent

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk