

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Minutes

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 .Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Traylor, and Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, County Clerk Davidson. Commissioner Heiney, and County Attorney Mayfield were absent for the meeting.

## 1). **Budget Discussion**

- A. The board reviewed the changes made to the proposed 2018 budget.
  1. The board reviewed the PT32 with a rollback millage rate of 11.595. The forecasted expenditures is currently at \$9,790,677.00. Financial Analyst stated that the forecast includes the cost of the Wellness Program.
  2. Charles Glass stated that one big increase was for \$33,000.00 which includes the Fire Station Building and Department.
  3. The board heard that the salary for the Soil Conservation County Technician for Lamar County has decreased because of employment changes and that the new employee is not taking the insurance.
  4. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the discount on the insurance premium related to the Driver's Training that the employees took back in April. County Clerk Davidson agreed to contact the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) regarding this request.
  5. The board discussed the fact that the revenues for Inmate Housing has decreased by \$100,000.00.
  6. The board discussed the fact that the revenues generated from fees from the Constitutional Officers has dropped. The Magistrate Court, Clerk of Superior Court and the Probate Court have all had substantial decreases. Chairman Glass requested that Finance Director Townsend run a mid-year trend projection.
  7. The board reviewed the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) increase in revenue which is related to the collection of commercial vehicles.
  8. The board reviewed the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenue with a projected decrease from \$870,000 to \$865,000.
  9. The board discussed the revenue generated from State Grants and Finance Director Townsend noted that he decreased this from \$391,000.00 to \$120,000.00 due to moving the monies into the Capital Project Fund. The funds will be used for Industrial Drive and any monies received will go into this fund.

10. The board reviewed the Tax Digest. In 2014 the Net M&O Millage was 10.512 and in 2015 it was 11.512. The Net Digest for the year 2011 was \$ 457,649.324 and in 2016 the Net Digest was \$449,664.558.00. Chairman Glass stated that 1 mill is worth \$450,000.00.
11. County Administrator Zellner noted that there is approximately \$669,000.00 left to borrow from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) but that all of the major liability bills had been paid.
12. The board agreed to increase the TAVT by \$20,000.00 and the LOST by \$35,000.00.
13. The board agreed that adjustments to the budget should be made for the Magistrate Court, Clerk of Superior Court, and the Probate Court should be made based on the six month collection rate from past years.
14. The board agreed that adjustments to the budget for Inmate Housing should be made based on six months of information.
15. The board agreed that the contingency fund should be increased from \$200,000.00 to \$240,000.00.
16. Chairman Glass requested that Finance Director Townsend submit the board a list of changes for their review. Finance Director Townsend noted that the board can increase the millage rate and then go down on the millage rate but that they can't go back up. The board continued to review the proposed Tax Digest (Attached to the Minutes) and discussed going up 1.0 to 1.5 on the millage rate. The board all agreed on a possible 1.25 millage rate increase at the close of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the workshop at 11:00 a.m. and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

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Robert Heiney, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk