

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
August 15th, 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 7:14 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Garth Forester from First Baptist Church of Barnesville gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the agenda and Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Minute Meetings-July 11th, 2017
- ii. Special Called Meeting-July 13th, 2017
- iii. Public Hearing-July 18th, 2017
- iv. Regular Business Meeting-July 18th, 2017

V. Charge on Charge Off Recommendations

Tax Commissioner Andrea Anthony gave a Charge on Charge Off Report to the Board which is attached to the minutes. The overall difference is \$87,068.54. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the Charge on Charge Off Report and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Board Appointments

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to table the appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board until the September meeting. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to re-appoint Angela Preston and appoint Dwight Fleming to the Planning Commission board for a term of four years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Industrial Drive

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the recommendation from GMC to award the bid to the lowest bidder Blount Construction for the Industrial Drive project for a total cost of \$1,556,940.39. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Ordinance 2017-03 Right of Way-Locations

County Administrator stated that with this Ordinance all privately, publicly, or cooperatively owned systems for producing, transmitting, or distributing communication, data, information, telecommunication, cable television, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, oil, crude products, water/sewer, steam, fire and police signals, traffic control devices, and street lighting systems, and housing or conduit for any of the foregoing, which directly or indirectly serve the public or any part thereof. The term "utility" may also be used to refer to the owner, operator, provider, servicer, or any agent thereof, of any above-described utility or utility facility. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-03 Right of Way-Locations and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Ordinance 2017-04 Right of Way-Accommodations

County Attorney Mayfield stated that with this Ordinance it is basically saying that the County roads should be treated as good as the State roads when you put in the utilities. The director of the Lamar County Public Works Department shall have the authority to administer the State Department of Transportation's utility accommodation policy and standards, as amended from time to time by the State or County, on County roads in the unincorporated County and in accordance "with any procedures the Board of Commissioners or the Lamar County Public Works Department may establish thereunder.

County Attorney Mayfield stated that these Right of Way Ordinances were based on a court case with Cobb County and AT&T. The Association of County Commissioners (ACCG) created a model Ordinance for Counties to use.

The Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to charge fees in accordance with the State Department of Transportation's utility accommodations policy and standards and any other applicable laws that exist now or may be enacted in the future. Fees shall be determined by the director of the Lamar County Public Works Department and subject to the approval of, and publicly disclosed by, the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-04 Right of Way-Accommodations and Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Ordinance 2017-05 Media Permit

Chairman Glass explained that some lessons had been learned from the filming of the movie Sharp Objects. The City of Barnesville and the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) had visited the town of Senoia and the Georgia Film Institute in Atlanta regarding information on movies. The City of Barnesville has some specifics that they would like to talk about before Lamar County approves a media permit ordinance.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-05 Media Permit until the September Regular Business meeting and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Resolution 2017-09 BOC Millage Rate

Chairman Glass called for a motion to approve Resolution 2017-09 BOC Millage Rate. This resolution is for the purpose of raising the county's property tax rate by one mill. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to reduce the rate by a half-mill to 12.095. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Resolution 2017-10 LOST Millage Rate

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the LOST rollback which shall be reduced by 1.879 mills leaving a net millage rate of 12.095 for 2017. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Resolution 2017-11 BOE Millage Rate

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the BOE Millage Rate for M & O educational purposes, in the amount of 16.716. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Resolution 2017-12 Bond Repayment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the BOE Bond Repayment in the amount of 1.50. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. Administrator's Report

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

1. Accounts Receivable & Payable:

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$76,875.53.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$137,275.69.
- iii. Processed 147 General Fund Checks for a total General Fund Receipt of \$334,200.76.
- iv. Processed 9 SPLOST checks for a total of \$87,152.07 which includes \$56,374.14 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion.
- v. Total checks for all Accounts: 156 for \$421,352.83.
- vi. Processed 1 Purchase Order for the Month of June.

2. Public Works

- i. Completed 74 Work Orders for a total cost of \$52,201.58.
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
 1. Scraped 3.25 miles of roads, with 16 man hours for a total cost of \$1,920.96.
 2. Completed 18 man-hours repairing potholes for a total cost of \$1,001.61.
 3. Worked 63 man hours and serviced 32 vehicles for a total cost for parts of \$7,892.64.
 4. Worked 15 man-hours on culverts with a total cost of \$1,429.95.
 5. Worked 391 man-hours cutting right of ways for a total cost of \$33,912.47.
 6. Put out gravel on roads with 18 man-hours for a total cost of \$5,188.71.
 7. Damaged signs with 9 man-hours for a total cost of \$161.99 and 23 man-hours on tree limbs for a total cost of \$993.56.

3. Planning and Zoning

- i. Issued 0 Commercial Occupational Tax Licenses.
- i. Home Occupational Tax Licenses Issued:
 1. 2 New.
 2. 2 Renewals.
 3. 4 Non-Renewals.
 4. Issued 52 Walk-Ins and 73 called Zoning.
 5. 14 Plat Review.
 6. 1 Minor Subdivision Application.

4. Code Enforcement

- i. Completed 2 Code Compliance Inspections.
- ii. Completed 2 Code Enforcement Issue/Pending (1099 Turner Bridge Road, 162 Liz Acres Rd and 141 Liz Acres Rd for Nuisance).
- iii. Completed 1 Code Enforcement Issue and Resolved the Nipper Case.
- iv. Logged 1047 miles using 58.8 gallons of gasoline.

5. Building Permits and Inspections

- i. Issued 2 Site Built Home permits.
- ii. Issued 7 Electrical Permits.
- iii. Issued 1 HVAC Permit.
- iv. Issued 2 Accessory Bldgs. (Barnes, etc.) Permits.
- v. Issued 1 Swimming Pool Permit.
- vi. Issue 3 Manufactured Home Permits.
- vii. Issued 2 Detached Garage Permits.
- viii. Completed 4 Consultations.
- ix. Completed 4 Sign Work Orders.
- x. Certificate of Occupancy: 1 Single Family Residence.

6. Animal Control

- i. 15 Animal Control Work Orders.
- ii. 2 Dead Deer picked up.
- iii. 7 Dogs Picked Up.
- iv. 4 Cats Picked Up.
- v. 1 Goat Picked Up.
- vi. 4 Dogs Euthanized.
- vii. 0 Cats Euthanized.
- viii. Logged 1072 Miles using 90 Gallons of Gasoline.

7. Senior Center

- i. 657 Congregate Meals served for a total cost of \$555.07.
- ii. 743 Home Delivered Meals delivered for a total cost of \$258.00
- iii. Daily Activity Average at the Center: 35

8. Fire Department

- i. Responded to 13 calls for controlled burning, cooking fires, grass fires, lightning strikes, trash fires and downed power lines.
- ii. Responded to 38 medical calls.
- iii. Responded to 5 vehicle accidents.
- iv. 30 calls cancelled in route.
- v. Total calls for July was 86.

County Administrator Zellner stated that the additional 2017 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) for Off-System Safety Program is \$35,000.00 and will go towards striping and signage in the County.

County Administrator Zellner reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway are planning to close the crossing located 250' North of Old Hwy

and Weldon Lake Road Intersection. They also will install gates, flashing lights and bells at Yancy Road. The proposal includes widening the pavement to a minimum 22 foot width between Old Hwy 41 and the crossing and on the north side Yancy Road between the crossing and the west side of Tom Bell Road intersection. The board requested that the closings be put on the September agenda for approval.

XVI. Public Comments

Jane Huguely of 512 Thomaston Street address the board asked if the board had anything to do with the Board of Education millage rate. Chairman Glass explained that the Board of Education approves the Board of Education Millage Rate so that it can be included in the documents that the Tax Commissioner and the Tax Assessor Haddock take to the State. a fee of 2.5 percent is collected and distributed to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners for this service.

Melissa Kline of 420 Country Kitchen Road addressed the board and thanked Commissioner Traylor for making the motion to increase the millage by only a half a mill rather than an entire mill. Mrs. Cline stated that she realized that they had more work to do but she appreciated that they listened and was sorry that they got beat up.

XVII. Round Table

Commissioner Thrash encouraged everyone to talk to their Legislatures, their Congressman and their Senators. Commissioner Thrash stated that she had been to Washington D.C. four times this year fighting for the Counties. Commissioner Thrash stated that Counties have paid 4.2 million dollars in Law Enforcement incarcerations and that the Judicial System is no longer sustainable because of all of the Federal and State mandates that they have put on the Counties.

XVIII. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:06 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session meeting at approximately 8:42 p.m. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:45 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

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk