

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Vice-Chairman Horton gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Approval**

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

**IV. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. Public Hearing-August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- ii. Public Hearing-August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- iii. Workshop Meeting-August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- iv. Public Hearing-August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- v. Regular Business Meeting-August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- vi. Workshop Meeting-August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**V. Board Appointments**

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Stephens to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a term of four years. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to re-appoint Lee Woodall to the Board of Health as a licensed physician actively practicing in the County and Robert Taylor as a consumer who will represent the needy, underprivileged or elderly. The term is for four years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Minor Subdivision App. # 2017-01 by American Forest, Inc.**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the App# 2017-01 by American Forest, Inc. until the October meeting. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. 2017 Legislative Leadership Delegate**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Commissioner Thrash to serve as the 2017 Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Legislative Leadership delegate for Lamar County. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash abstained from the vote. The vote passed 3-0.

**VIII. Board of Education Bond Resolution**

Jim Pannell of Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP addressed the board regarding the Board of Education Bond Resolution. Mr. Pannell stated that the Constitution of the State of Georgia requires the imposition of Lamar County of a one percent sales and use tax for education purposes. The rate of the bonds is 2.19 percent for 15 years with a fixed rate over 30 years. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve 2017-18 Board of Education Bond Resolution. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Ordinance 2017-02 Animal Control**

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to table the Ordinance 2017-02 Animal Control Ordinance until February of next year and Commissioner Thrash 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. Chairman Glass explained that one of the requirements is to have a flexible one point of contact throughout the entire film process and that there are some specifics that need to be reviewed before Lamar County approves a Media Permit Ordinance. Vice Chairman Horton 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. Rail Road Crossing Closure-Old Hwy 41 and Weldon Lake Road & Improvement for Rail Road Cross-Old Hwy 41 and Yancey Road**

Chairman Glass reported that approval was necessary for the closure of the Rail Road crossing at Old 41 Hwy and Weldon Lake Road and the improvement for the Rail Road

crossing at Old Hwy 41 and Yancey Road. County Administrator Zellner reported that there was concern about a pole not being tall enough at the Rail Road crossing and they didn't want the train to hit it. Georgia Power looked at it and determined that it was tall enough. The County will be paid for these closures. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will pay \$7,500.00 to be used on Transportation Safety and \$25,000.00 from Norfolk Railroad that could be used as the County chooses. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve both the Rail Road crossing at Old 41 Hwy and Weldon Lake Road and the improvement for the Rail Road crossing at Old Hwy 41 and Yancey Road with conditions stipulated. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XII. CDBG Grant Award (Lamar County Health Department) -Ivan and Wanda Minks**

Ivan and Wanda Minks with Advocates for Better Communities completed and submitted an extensive application showing the many faults of the Health Department. Ms. Minks stated that Lamar County received the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the purpose of building a new Health Department. The award will be presented on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia.

## **XIII. Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Zellner gave the following report for the Month of August

### **1. Accounts Receivable & Payable:**

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$74,611.22.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$133,227.07.
- iii. Processed 168 General Fund Checks for a total General Fund Receipt of \$305,419.71.
- iv. Processed 7 SPLOST checks for a total of \$91,068.91 which includes \$42,158.16 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion.
- v. Total checks for all Accounts: 221 for \$751,717.93.
- vi. Processed 4 Purchase Orders for \$2,516.38.

### **2. Public Works**

- i. Completed 150 Work Orders for a total 1,503.25 man hours and a total cost of \$99,284.36.
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
  1. Completed 38 man hours installing 6 culverts for a total cost of \$2,865.00.
  2. Worked 1,058.5 man hours cutting 49 right of ways for a total cost of \$67,052.57.
  3. Put out gravel on roads with 10.5 man hours for a total cost of \$ 1,083.38.
  4. Fixed 7 pot holes with 75 man hours for a total cost of \$4,719.09.
  5. Scraped 20 miles of roads, with 163 man hours for a total cost of \$20,777.08.

6. Cut 11 tree/limbs with 40 man hours for a total cost of \$2,435.24.
7. 44 Fleet with 93.5 man hours for a total cost of \$8,908.64.
8. Repaired 8 signs with 16 man hours for a total cost of \$788.44.

### 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. Issued 11 permits.
- ii. Completed 2 Code Compliance Inspections.
- iii. Completed 2 Code Enforcement Issue/Pending (1099 Turner Bridge Road, Nuisance & Abandoned Manufactured Home and 162 Liz Acres Rd (Nuisance).
- iv. Completed 1 Code Enforcement Issue.
- v. Logged 1047 miles using 58.8 gallons of gasoline.

### 5. Building Permits and Inspections

- i. Issued 2 Site Built Home Permits.
- ii. Issued 4 Electrical Permits.
- iii. Issued 1 HVAC Permit.
- iv. Issued 1 Accessory Bldg. Permit.
- v. Issued 2 Pole Barn Permits.
- vi. Issued 1 Deck Permit.
- vii. Issued 1 Carport Permit.
- viii. Issued 51 Building Inspections.
- ix. Made a Trip to Jenkinsburg, Ga. to Inspect a Manufactured Home for re-location to Lamar County.

### 6. Certificate of Occupancy:

- i. 1 Single Family Residence.
- ii. 1 Swimming Pool
- iii. 1 Manufacture Home ( Single Family Residence)

The Code Enforcement Officer traveled 185.3 miles using 82.5 gallons of gasoline.

## 7. Animal Control

- i. 13 Animal Control Work Orders.
- ii. 4 Dead Deer picked up.
- iii. 19 Dogs Picked Up.
- iv. 3Cats Picked Up.
- v. 1 Dogs Euthanized.
- vi. 14 Cats Euthanized.
- vii. Logged 1853 Miles using 113 Gallons of Gasoline.

## 8. Senior Center

- i. 777 Congregate Meals served for a total cost of \$5,452.21.
- ii. 769 Home Delivered Meals delivered for a total cost of \$545.21.
- iii. 1 Facility Rental for a total cost of \$296.00.
- iv. Daily Activity Average at the Center: 37

## 8. Fire Department

- i. Responded to 12 calls for controlled burning, cooking fires, grass fires, lightning strikes, trash fires and downed power lines.
- ii. Responded to 54 medical calls.
- iii. Responded to 4 vehicle accidents.
- iv. 13 calls cancelled in route.
- v. Total calls for July was 83

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.

## **XIV. Round Table**

Commissioner Thrash thanked County Administrator Zellner, Chairman Glass, all of the Commissioners, the Public Works Department, The Fire Department, and The Sheriff's Office for their hard work during Hurricane Irma. Commissioner Thrash stated that they all did a phenomenal job. Commissioner Thrash also expressed her condolences to Commissioner Traylor in the loss of Mrs. Traylor's grandfather.

Commissioner Traylor expressed his thanks to Ashley Giles, present for the meeting, for recommending and securing Jeffrey Stephens for the McIntosh Trail Board position.

Walter Geiger, Editor for the Barnesville Herald Gazette announced that during the Emmy Awards show that there were accolades showered on director Jean-Marc Valle and his limited series 'Big Little Lies'. Vallee spent part of this past summer in Barnesville directing the upcoming HBO series 'Sharp Objects'. Vallee received the Emmy for best director of a limited series. "Big Little Lies, won best limited series.

**XV. Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 7:55 p.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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Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

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