

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
October 17th, 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. Cindy McDonald with the First United Methodist Church of Barnesville gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

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

IV. Minutes Approval

Vice Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the following three sets of minutes. Commissioner Thrash had one correction which was on the September 19th minutes. The correction was for the motion to table the App# 2017-01 by American Forest, Inc. which stated until the September meeting. This should have been for the October meeting. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion to approve the three sets of minutes with the change from September to October. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-September 14th, 2017
- ii. Regular Business Meeting-September 19th, 2017
- iii. Special Called Meeting September 28th, 2017

V. Board Appointments

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint L.D. Parks to the Planning Commission for a term of four years. The term will expire on 11/1/2021. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve App. # 2017-01 by American Forest, Inc. then learned that Ordinance 2017-06 would need to be approved according to County Attorney Mayfield. Commissioner Thrash then amended her motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 for the purpose of rezoning the property for American Forest, Inc. from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-2) instead of App. # 2017-01. Commissioner Thrash was instructed by Building and Zoning Director Gunter that both the App #2017-01 and the Ordinance 2017-06 would need to be approved. Commissioner Thrash amended her motion again to approve both App. #2017-01 by American Forest, Inc. and Ordinance 2017-06 for the purpose of rezoning the property from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Single-Family Residential (R-2) which is a rezoning classification (App #2017-01) for American Forest, Inc. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Proposed Rezoning of Official Zoning Map

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the proposed rezoning of the official zoning map and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash then asked Building and Zoning Director Gunter if this proposed rezoning was spot zoning. Building and Zoning Director Gunter replied that it was not spot zoning that spot zoning is done with parcels. He said that this is for county wide zoning and is based on county code. Commissioner Thrash stated that as a Commissioner they are there to represent the people. The people that are zoned A-R want to have cows, ducks, turkeys and if they change the zoning they are getting involved in people's lives. Commissioner Thrash said that as elected officials they have a responsibility to represent the people. Chairman Glass suggested that they have a specific quorum at the planning commission meeting so that this could be covered before they vote on this the next time. Chairman Glass called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Ordinance 2017-05 Media Permit

Chairman Glass explained that the Media Ordinance was revised based on the feedback from those involved with the filming of the movie 'Sharp Objects.' Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05 Media Permit and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Administrator's Report

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

1. Accounts Receivable & Payable:

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$81,254.45.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$145,092.98.
- iii. Processed 77 General Fund Checks for a total General Fund Receipt of \$203,914.00.

- iv. Processed 5 SPLOST checks for a total of \$751,717.93 which includes \$59,488.13 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion.
- v. Processed 6 Purchase Orders for \$4,203.00.

2. Public Works

- i. Completed 85 Work Orders for a total 1,008 man hours and a total cost of \$62,667.00
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
 - 1. Completed 27 man hours installing 4 culverts for a total cost of \$1,380.00.
 - 2. Worked 483 man hours cutting 15 right of ways for a total cost of \$30,659.00.
 - 3. Put out two loads of gravel on roads with 18 man hours for a total cost of \$2,620.00.
 - 4. Fixed 9 pot holes with 93 man hours for a total cost of \$5,873.00.
 - 5. Scraped 8.6 miles of roads, with 73.5 man hours for a total cost of \$7,382.00.
 - 6. Cut 11 tree/limbs with 208 man hours for a total cost of \$8,353.00.
 - 7. 29 Fleet with 93.5 man hours for a total cost of \$5,620.00.
 - 8. Repaired 6 signs with 12 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. 3 Renewals.
 - 3. 1 Non-Renewals.
 - 4. Issued 103 Walk-Ins and 250 Called Zoning.
 - 5. 7 Plat Reviews.

4. Code Enforcement

- 1. Issued 24 permits.
- 2. 8 Site Built Homes
- 3. 5 Electrical
- 4. 0 Accessory Building
- 5. 2 Pole Barns
- 6. 0 Deck
- 7. 1 Carport
- 8. 1 Cell Tower Upgrade
- 9. 2 Garages
- 10. 1 Manufactured Home (Single Family Residence)
- 11. 1 Enforcement Issue/Pending
- 12. 76 Building Inspections
- 13. 2 Single Family Residence

Traveled 1211 miles using 73 gallons of gasoline.

7. Animal Control

1. 26 Animal Control Work Orders.
2. 4 Dead Deer Picked up.
3. 10 Dogs Picked Up.
4. 5 Cats Picked Up.
5. 19 Dogs Euthanized.
6. 8 Cats Euthanized
7. Logged 1335 Miles using 93 Gallons of Gasoline.

8. Senior Center

1. 577 Congregate Meals served with donations of \$444.13.
2. 665 Home Delivered Meals delivered with donations of \$1,092.00.
3. Daily Activity Average at the Center: 37

Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (TRAAA) supplied the center with a new TV for the one that wasn't working.

X. Round Table

Commissioner Horton said that he commended the citizens that were in the house with their concerns and noted that it was Government at work. Commissioner Horton also said that the Oktoberfest at Summers Field was a success.

Commissioner Heiney echoed Commissioner Thrash and stated that these decisions effect people. Commissioner Heiney stated that he had spoken to Haskell Taylor who lives on Zellner Road who was concerned about going from A-R to R2 because he was afraid he wouldn't be able to have his chickens. Commissioner Heiney stated that he lives on a country road and he is glad to see that they tabled this vote. He said he doesn't like taking away from people what they already have. Commissioner Heiney stated that it shouldn't be in your face government.

Commissioner Traylor stated that there still needs to be a plan in place but he agrees that they shouldn't allow it to change Barnesville. Commissioner Traylor was at a Legislative Leadership Conference and Commissioners from Henry County were talking about zoning changes that they wish that they had not made. Commissioner Traylor thanked Mr. Felton for what he is doing for the Veterans and requested that everyone give him a round of applause. Commissioner Traylor shared the fact that Mr. Felton had made a request to have signs placed on Hwy 36 and McCollum Road and even though it is not the County's jurisdiction they still submitted the request.

Commissioner Thrash re-iterated Commissioner Traylor and thanked Mr. Felton. Commissioner Thrash said that we do the veterans an injustice especially with all the experiences they have been through. Commissioner Thrash said that she appreciated what Mr. Felton was doing and offered to help in any way she could.

Chairman Glass said that he understood the need for Mr. Green but said that they couldn't commit County resources to just one individual. The County can't afford to do it for just one citizen. Chairman Glass announced that the Blood Drive for Lamar County is this Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church of Barnesville. The last blood drive they collected 73 units and had more than they needed. Chairman Glass said that the Women's League makes homemade cookies to be distributed to those that give blood.

XI. Executive Session and Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to recess the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session meeting at approximately 9:03 p.m. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 9:06 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