

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting  
December 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. Pastor Allan Newman of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Approval**

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

**IV. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017-Public Hearing
- ii. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017-Workshop
- iii. November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017-Regular Commissioner Meeting

**V. Proclamations**

Chairman Glass read a Proclamation whereas the Lamar County Board of Commissioners commended Dr. Max Burns for his years of service to Gordon State College and the community and wished him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Vice-Chairman Horton read a Proclamation honouring the memory of Mr. Bobby Burnette for a life of outstanding service and contributions to Lamar County. Bobby Burnette, who unselfishly dedicated many years of service to Lamar County with great distinction and success, passed away Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## **VI. Proposed Rezoning of Official Zoning Map**

Commissioner Thrash stated that she doesn't see any issues with changing the Proposed Re-Zoning issue except for enforcing it but she had spoken with Building and Zoning Director and her questions related to the Re-zoning Ordinance had been answered.

County Administrator Zellner read Rezoning Ordinance 2017-07.

Chairman Glass allowed the following citizens to comment on the Proposed Re-Zoning Ordinance prior to the above approval.

Eric Dobek of 796 Crawford Road addressed the board regarding the 3.6 acres that he currently owns. He stated he has a barn with chickens and he used to have sheep. He stated that he went to speak to Building and Zoning Director Gunter last month and wanted to make sure that the properties along Cannafax Road are going to stay zoned as A-R. Also, there was a write up in the paper that was not exactly accurate and he wanted to clarify that. Mr. Dobek said that there is actually a conveyance on his property which states no farming or commercial farming be allowed and only chickens, cattle or dogs shall be permitted. Mr. Dobek stated that he doesn't run anything commercial and that everything that he has he consumes. Building and Zoning Director Gunter interrupted Mr. Dobek and stated that he had answered his questions in the office and had assured Mr. Dobek that he was zoned A-R. Chairman Glass instructed Mr. Dobek to continue talking and Mr. Dobek stated again that everything that they raise is consumed and they have nothing commercial going on. Mr. Dobek stated that every time he sees Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter he brings up the hog issue. He stated that he doesn't care to hear about this on his time off of work. Mr. Dobek said that he wants to make sure this is a dead issue and that his property stays zoned A-R and that he doesn't need the harassment about it. Building and Zoning Director Gunter said that he didn't appreciate being called a liar.

Mr. Alan Nadzam of 774 Cannafax Road, Barnesville gave his comments towards the Rezoning Ordinance. He stated that he is not affected because he owns over 200 acres but was concerned about the grandfather clause. Mr. Nadzam said he understood that if you bought property that is A-R and no matter what acreage it is will it stay A-R. Chairman Glass replied that this isn't true because if the property is sold the property would then fall under the new zoning laws.

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the second reading of the Proposed Rezoning Ordinance 2017-07. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Coverage Resolution 2017-24**

County Administrator Zellner explained that a Resolution with ACCG related to the Firefighters Cancer Benefit Coverage would need to be approved.

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-24 to adopt the the County of Lamar is an existing member of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter referred to as ACCG-IRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and previously has entered into an intergovernmental contract for the purpose of joining ACCG-IRMA and participating in the ACCG-IRMA Property and Liability Fund. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Weight Watchers Contract with the Senior Center**

County Administrator Zellner explained that a contract with Weight Watchers had been requested by the Senior Center Director. Weight Watchers will pay \$30.00 per meeting for the use of the meeting room in the Facility. A fee shall be paid on a monthly basis. All payments will be remitted via Electronic Funds Transfer to the County's designated bank account. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Weight Watchers contract with the Senior Center. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Honeywood Farms-Beer and Wine License**

Ed Mitchel of 894 Hwy 18 West, Barnesville, Georgia addressed the board showing a map of Honeywood Farms and their plans to do catering for around 100-300 people. Mr. Mitchel introduced his family, who were in attendance, that help run the farm. Mr. Mitchel stated that their store is stocked with organically grown vegetables and fruits from their own market garden, pasture-raised pork, pasture-raised beef, and farm fresh free-range eggs. Honeywood Farms applied for a Beer and Wine License that will be in effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine License for Honeywood Farms. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **X. Southern Correctional Medicine-Sheriff's Office**

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the Southern Correctional Medicine contract with the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XI. Probation Services Agreement**

County Administrator Zellner presented a Probation Services Agreement made by and between the Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. and a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, with its principal Place of business at 27B Market Street, Barnesville, Georgia and the Probate Court of Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the Governor's Reform Act regarding not being able to pay for the fees and whether or not that comes back on the County. County Attorney Mayfield stated that it was this corporations job to make sure that the fees are being paid based on the contract unless it goes before the Judge for final decision regarding whether they can pay or not. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Probation Services Agreement and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XII. 2018 Beer and Wine License Renewals**

The Board approved the following Beer and Wine Licenses.

- 1) Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Horton's Rendezvous, LLC. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Horton abstained from the vote. The motion passed 3-0.
- 2) Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve C&B Inc., and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve T.J Outfitters and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Deer Trail Country Club and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve VFW Post 6542 and Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Mama's Kitchen and Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XIII. Board Appointments**

- i. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Irvin Trice to serve as the Three Rivers Regional Commission-non-public member. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Commissioner Horton to serve on the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board as a County Representative. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Commissioner Heiney to the E911 Committee Board as a County Representative. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the re-appointment of six board members to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board of Trustees. These members are Mrs. Mary Jane Blalock, Diane Harvey, Octavia Jackson, Linda Olivier, Lisa Tuttle

- and Tim Turner. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- xv. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Commissioner Traylor to the Lamar County Health Board and Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - v. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21 re-appointing Betty Smith Banks to the Tax Assessors board for a four year term starting on 1/1/2018 and expiring on 12/31/2021.
  - vi. Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21 re-appointing Brad Bryan to the Tax Assessors board for a four year term starting on 1/1/2018 and expiring on 12/31/2021.
  - vii. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to table Resolution 2017-23 replacing Claire White until January. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - viii. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to re-appoint Danny Vaughn to the Board of Appeals for a term of four years. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIV. Administrator's Report**

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

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

- i. Received the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution of \$70,770.20.
- ii. Received the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution of \$126,371.63.
- iii. Processed 109 General Fund Checks for a total General Fund Receipt of \$197,122.44.
- iv. Processed 1 SPLOST check for a total of \$6,151.24 for the City of Barnesville's SPLOST portion.
- v. Processed 8 Purchase Orders for \$15,856.58.

##### **2. Public Works**

- i. Completed 102 Work Orders for a total 1,015 man hours and a total cost of \$91,682.05.
- ii. Included in the Work Order total:
  - 1. Completed 26.5 man hours installing 4 culverts for a total cost of \$1,422.00.
  - 2. Worked 489.5 man hours cutting 25 right of ways for a total cost of \$37,126.00.
  - 3. Put out eight loads of gravel on roads with 142 man hours for a total cost of \$12,627.00.
  - 4. Fixed 10 pot holes with 104 man hours for a total cost of \$9,478.00.
  - 5. Scraped 5.5 miles of roads, with 15 man hours for a total cost of \$1,405.00.
  - 6. Cut 14 tree/limbs with 99 man hours for a total cost of \$16,252.00.
  - 7. 40 Fleet with 85 man hours for a total cost of \$10,166.00.

8. Repaired 17 signs with 33.5 man hours for a total cost of \$2,320.00.
9. Had 5 illegal dumping with 21 man hours for a total cost of \$843.00.

### 3. Planning and Zoning

#### i. Home Occupational Tax Licenses Issued:

1. 6 New.
2. Issued 116 Walk-Ins and 269 Called Zoning.
3. 9 Plat Reviews.

### 4. Code Enforcement

1. Issued 20 permits.
2. 6 Site Built Homes.
3. 1 Relocation of a house from the Town of Aldora to McCollum Rd.
4. 2 Electrical
5. 4 Accessory Building
6. 1 HVAC.
7. 1 Sign.
8. 1 Cell Tower Upgrade.
9. 1 Pole Barn.
10. 1 Commercial Building on Van Mar Blvd.
11. 1 Enforcement Issue on 1099 Turner Bridge Rd.
12. 49 Building Inspections.
13. 1 Single Family Residence.

Traveled 890 miles using 60.4 gallons of gasoline.

### 7. Animal Control

1. 10 Animal Control Work Orders.
2. 12 Work Orders for Signs.
3. 3 Dead Deer Picked up.
4. 4 Dogs Picked Up.
5. 4 Cats Euthanized.
6. Logged 1060 Miles using 70 Gallons of Gasoline

### 8. Senior Center

1. 1 Facility Rentals-\$232.00.
2. 553 Congregate Meals served with donations of \$482.87.
3. 724 Home Delivered Meals delivered with donations of \$193.40.

18 Senior Members played bingo, 19 senior members of the Happy Days Travel Club traveled to Villa Rica, Georgia and 18 senior members of the Joy Club traveled to the DeKalb Farmers Market, 11 participants in the Silver Sneakers Yoga Class, 8 participants in the Silver Sneakers Classic Class.

#### 9. Fire Department

1. Responded to 14 Fire calls.
2. 3 Building & House Fires
3. 4 Brush/Grass Fires
4. 2 Fire Alarm Activation
5. 2 Gas Leaks
6. 1 Search & Rescue
7. Responded to 29 Medical Calls.
8. Responded to 14 vehicle accidents.
9. 35 calls cancelled in route.
10. Total calls for December was 92

#### 10. Emergency Management Service

1. 271 Responses.
2. 207 Transports.
3. 75% Transported.
4. 154 City Responses.
5. 137 County Responses.
6. 9.03 Avg. Per Day Responses.
7. 6.80 Avg. Per Day Transported.
8. 7.19 Avg. Minutes Response Time.

### **XV. Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Horton wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Traylor apologized for being late. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels and said if you are having family or friends in town please allow them to enjoy Barnesville.

Commissioner Thrash wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Ken Pullen who is running for State Senate for attending the meeting.

Chairman Glass wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked Vice-Chairman Horton for running the meeting in November during his absence. He also thanked the Community for the outpouring of support for his family due to the loss of his dad. Chairman Glass also congratulated Continental Tire who announced they are hiring 106 new jobs which will be great for our local economy. Chairman Glass went on to say that there are well paying jobs with Continental Tire and they are already conducting tours for the people who will possibly be relocating here. These people could be interested in the community as well as the jobs. People that are not set to move will have to be replaced by local hires. For people that are interested in jobs with Continental Tire, watch for the ads in the paper or check with the Department of Labor. Chairman Glass requested that everyone welcome the people with Continental Tire that are visiting the community because it is tough to move to a new place.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

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