

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
March 20th, 2018**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Zellner, County Clerk Davidson and County Attorney Mayfield. Vice-Chairman Heiney was absent from the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. Recess for Public Hearing

Chairman Glass recessed the Regular Business Meeting for a Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. There were no speakers so Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board reconvened the Regular Business Meeting.

III. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Ken Ross of the United Methodist Church in Milner gave the invocation.

IV. Agenda Approval

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

V. Minutes Approval

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

1. Workshop Meeting-February 15th, 2018
2. Regular Business February 20th, 2018

VI. Board Appointment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to appoint Erin Cook to the Industrial Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Raleigh Henry until December 31st, 2018. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Rezoning Applications

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve rezoning Ordinance 2018-01 for the purpose of approving rezoning Application # 2018-01 by Patrick Brown. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Rezoning App.# 2018-01 by Patrick Brown and Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve rezoning Ordinance 2018-02 for the purpose of approving rezoning Application # 2018-02 by Kevin Fabian and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Supplemental Agreement for Sheriff's Vehicles

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the Supplemental Lease Agreement for the Sheriff's Vehicles. County Attorney Mayfield stated that Resolution 2018-06 would need to be approved. Commissioner Traylor amended his motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 to authorize and direct an officer of the county to execute one or more supplements for a lease or leases under a master lease with United Bank. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (The Supplemental Lease Agreement is attached to the minutes).

IX. Logging Bid

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the contract with Mixon and Associate and Jordan Forest Products, LLC for the purpose of harvesting timber on Hwy 36 East. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. United Bank Endeavor Card Applications

County Administrator Zellner explained that a request from Probate Judge Martin was received regarding her having a United Bank Endeavor Card. Also, the Administration Office would like to change from MasterCard to the Endeavor Card with United Bank. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the Credit Card Policy and County Administrator Zellner stated that HB 949 states that Constitutional Officers are to develop their own Credit Card or Purchasing Card (PCard) Policy and filed it with the Board of Commissioners. County Administrator Zellner stated that Judge Martin did not have a Credit Card Policy in place. Commissioner Thrash stated that Judge Martin would have to have a policy in place first. This could be approved at the next business meeting. Commissioner Thrash made a motion that the Administration Office transfer from the MasterCard to the United Bank Endeavor Card and that they approve the \$3000.00 limit for the Judge Martin and that she put in place a Credit Card Policy for use of that card. County Administrator Zellner stated that the Constitutional Officers prepare their own policy. Commissioner Thrash stated that if this is the case that she should have her Credit Card Policy in place first and that the Board approve her card at the Regular Business Meeting next month. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the United Bank Endeavor Card for the Administration Office and table the United Bank Endeavor Card request for Judge Martin until the next Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Administration Report

County Administrator Zellner reported that he had received the letter of authorization for the check disbursement of \$300,000.00 which is the final LMIG payment slated for Industrial Road. The Bridge on Ruffner Road has re-opened. The silt fence has been put up on Industrial Road and they have installed concrete culverts for the cross drains.

XII. Public Comments

Melissa Cline of 420 Country Kitchen Road addressed the board regarding social media. Ms. Cline stated that there are Commissioners that try and help people. Ms. Cline spoke about a young man on the Lamar County discussion page that led people to believe he was being bullied at school. Several citizens pointed him in the direction to get help including some Commissioners. Ms. Cline stated that it was scary comments and that when you see something like this you have to say something, and it just can't be a catch phrase. Ms. Cline said that everyone needs to be aware of what is going on. Ms. Cline said that the School, and the Sheriff's Office had all spoken to the student and that everything was okay. Ms. Cline thanked the Commissioners that went out of their way to steer the conversation and actions of the student and led him to get help.

Chairman Glass stated that he was glad that common sense prevailed, and he appreciated the diligence of the community. He said he had been meetings with the school and the school resource officers discussing security but because of security the details need to be kept private. Chairman Glass said that it was refreshing to see that plans are already in place and that they are already being coordinated. Chairman Glass said that he hoped that they never have that kind of issue again and he is glad that the right people are looking at it and they are trying to take the rights steps to prevent something like this from happening.

Ashley Gilles of 425 Abbott Road addressed the board and handed out an example of a dog and cat control ordinance. Ms. Gilles stated that everyone is aware of some of the situations that had happened in the county with animals and they pull the heart strings of society or people that work in the animal field. Ms. Gilles said that a committee was formed and they met once and the discussion revolved around a non-existent shelter. Ms. Gilles stated that more people will be moving into the county, with the creation of the new jobs, and more people means more animals. Ms. Gilles said that rather than just complaining, she and a few others realized that Lamar County does have some issues with the current ordinance. Therefore, the committee came up with a few possible suggestions. The suggestions are minimally invasive and non-restrictive. The ordinance includes managing strays and unwanted animals and deals with unusual situations involving mistreatment and cruelty of animal's while being less invasive. It gives the Animal Control officer the authority to remove an animal, but it creates a non-discriminative platform for those whose time has been invested in their animals. It has the possibility to create more revenue for the County by a tiered and structured fee schedule. This will not affect or penalize responsible animal owners and it has the possibility to reward proven

responsible animal owners. This ordinance also minimizes the risk of public health and safety by people running around and causing accidents as they try to pick up animals on the side of the road. It prevents the transportation and the spread of lyme and mercer disease, rabies, and the West Niles virus while minimizing the risk of public safety. Ms. Gilles stated that she felt like that this was a good starting point for the committee.

Chairman Glass stated that the board had discussed pulling the State code into the local codes and that Vice-Chairman Heiney had agreed to be in charge of the Animal Shelter committee but had been out of town.

XIII. Round Table.

Commissioner Horton said that society has to get involved. If you are a part of something that is wrong, you don't need to try to straighten them out because then you are just as guilty as that person is who is telling the lie. Commissioner Horton thanked everyone for being a part of the community and he also thanked the good Lord for getting everyone through the storm that happened last night. Commissioner Horton is having his tooth pulled out and asked everyone for prayers.

Vice-Chairman Heiney thank Ms. Gilles for sharing the dog and cat control ordinance with the board and stated that it was a good start. Vice-Chairman Heiney said it is important for everyone to be heard and there are a lot of people that think different about animal control. There are some people that don't think we need more than what we already have. There are those that live in a rural area and believe that some of this stuff is over kill. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that on the other hand it should be looked at carefully and that all of the good things that are in the dog and cat control ordinance that Ms. Gilles presented to the board should be looked at and he thanked Ms. Gilles for her work.

Commissioner Traylor said that he had visited the animal shelter in Butts County and that the Butts County Sheriff had taken over the animal shelter. Commissioner Traylor said that they listened to some of their volunteers. Commissioner Traylor reported that the trees at the site of the New Health Department had been cut down and that it looked very nice. He stated that he had meet with Nurse Manager Sherry Farr regarding the drawing the architectural Health Department. Commissioner Traylor stated that changes had been made and that they are moving in the right direction and sometimes efficiencies go out the window. The idea behind this is to build what they need. Commissioner Traylor stated that it would be a nice facility and something to be proud of.

Vice-Chairman Heiney thanked Commissioner Thrash for all she does in Atlanta at the Capital and for all that she does for the County.

Chairman Glass announced that the blood drive sponsored by the Barnesville Rotary Club was in honor of Dr. Lee Woodall and his brother Bob Woodall. Bob Woodall was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and Dr. Lee Woodall had donated his stem cells, since he was a perfect

match. The cancer treatment was a success but he is currently having some other issues. Chairman Glass said that they would have extra machines setup and homemade cookies supplied by the Barnesville Women's League. Chairman Glass also requested that the citizens give feedback to their legislators regarding the upcoming house bills. Chairman Glass stated that he would be glad to share any details regarding the bills and they could get with any of the Commissioners as to what their opinion is. Chairman Glass also said happy first day of Spring.

XIII. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Robert Heiney, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk