

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
April 17th, 2018

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

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. Jeff Morgan of Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner 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 Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-March 14th, 2018
- ii. Public Hearing-March 20th, 2018
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-March 20th, 2018

V. Proclamations:

- i. Vice-Chairman Heiney presented a proclamation to the Sons of Confederate Veterans for Confederate History and the Lamar County Board of Commissioners, proclaimed April 2018 as Confederate History Month and April 26, 2018 as Confederate Memorial Day.
- ii. Commissioner Horton presented a proclamation to the members of the Lamar County Division of Children Services (DFACS) declaring and proclaiming the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lamar County urging all our citizens to work together to make this year a safer one for children in our community.
- iii. Commissioner Traylor presented a proclamation to the Lamar County Health Department and area nurses along with the American Nurses Association and the Georgia Nurse's Association declaring the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week, with the theme "Nurses inspire, innovate, influence", and celebrating registered nurses' week.

- iv. Commissioner Thrash read a proclamation to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye, and tissue donation, encouraging all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia's Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org. to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.

VI. Supplemental Lease Agreement for Sheriff's Office Vehicles (Resolution 2018-07)

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the Supplemental Lease Agreement for the Sheriff's Vehicles and Resolution 2018-07 authorizing an officer of the County to execute one or more lease supplements with United Bank. The lease amount is for \$190,203.00. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (The Supplemental Lease Agreement is attached to the minutes).

VII. Supplemental Lease Agreement for T7500 Spray Patcher and 2010 Volvo Truck (Resolution 2018-08)

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the Supplemental Lease Agreement for a T7500 Spray Patcher, a 2010 Volvo Truck and Resolution 2018-07 authorizing an officer of the County to execute one or more lease supplements with United Bank. The lease amount is for \$92,678.22. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (The Supplemental Lease Agreement is attached to the minutes).

VIII. Fire Department Equipment

County Administrator Zellner explained that the North Milner Fire Station located on Martin Dairy Road had recently been broken into and that a purchase requisition in the amount of \$12,168.00 would need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. The insurance deductible is \$2,500.00 and an insurance payment of \$15,000.00 had already been reimbursed for the damages. County Administrator Zellner stated that there are also more purchases that would need to be made that are covered under the insurance reimbursement. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the purchase requisition in the amount of \$12,168.00. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Georgia County Internship Program

County Clerk Davidson announced that she had applied for a summer grant through the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) sponsored by the Civic Affairs Foundation which is an Association of County Commissioners (ACCG) initiative. Lamar County was awarded the grant for the 2018 Summer Program Internship in the amount of \$2,173.00 designated for a Records Retention intern. The intern will be responsible for creating a Records Retention Policy manual under the direction of the County Clerk. Lamar County committed \$400.00 towards the grant.

X. Gracie Kate Van Houten Turner

Gracie Kate Van Houten Turner of Concord Georgia addressed the board with a conservation issue. Her brother Tommy Jack Van Houten from Eatonton Ga was also present for the meeting. Ms. Turner stated that her family owned 150 Acres on Hwy 341 South and that there were six children in the family that had all received a plot of land. Ms. Turner stated that her parents had maintained the property even though all of the children had moved away with no plans to move back to this area. Ms. Turner stated that since her parent's death, the property had been on the market for eight years and there are 130 acres with two sides of acreage on Hwy 341 South. There are also 61 Acres and a home and north of the homeplace are 92 acres. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) built the bypass and took 14 acres of the property. There are 71 acres on one side of the bypass and seven plus acres on the other side. In 2013, she applied for and was granted a land conservation. Ms. Turner stated that she has the opportunity to sale 6 plus acres. Ms. Turner said that she is wondering why land conservation was listed as one plot of land when it is divided by the highway and why the six acres were not a part of the land conservation. Ms. Turner explained that John Deere wants to expand their business and they are the prospective buyers. Chairman Glass explained to Ms. Turner that the Board of Commissioners can forgive a land conservation penalty if there is a breach but since they haven't sold the land there is currently no breach. Chairman Glass stated that a parcel of land can exist on both sides of the road. Ms. Turner said that at the time when the land was split they didn't know that they could have done this. Chairman Glass explained to Ms. Turner that the Tax Assessors office is independent of the Board of Commissioners office and that the appeal process should go through the tax assessors board. Chairman Glass said that the Board of Commissioners does have the authority to refund tax money, penalties or both but not until some type of action is taken. Chairman Glass explained to Ms. Turner that if she wants to appeal the ruling she must go to the Board of Equalization or the Superior Court. Chairman Glass advised Ms. Turner to speak to an attorney who has legal authority.

XI. Administration Report

County Administrator Zellner reported that there was an issue with the Endeavor credit cards issued by United Bank that the board had approved at the March Regular Business meeting. County Administrator Zellner explained to the board that the only way United Bank will issue the cards is if individual names are stated on each card. Each individual would have to sign for the designated card. County Administrator Zellner said that this is not in line with the County purchasing policy therefore the County will continue to use the credit cards issued by MasterCard.

County Administrator Zellner reported that Blount Construction was finished with the cross drains on Industrial Drive and that they are in the process of working on the Jordan Lumber

side. County Administrator Zellner said that there have been lots of equipment pulled in and they are cutting down banks. They are also working on the stacking lanes.

County Administrator Zellner reported that the final plats for the Hwy 36 Recreational project were received and a copy was sent to the Building and Zoning Director Gunter and Public Works Director Rigdon. There are two more plats needed for the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for their review which is necessary for land disturbance. Also, the owner of the cemetery next to the Hwy 36 property would like to cut trees in the front of his side of the property so that he has a better line of sight coming out of his driveway. County Administrator Zellner said he told him to contract with Jordan Lumber to cut the trees while they are there. Also, they had previously offered for Lamar County to clean up the cemetery and put a fence around it and clean up the markings. The owner was agreeable to that in the beginning but he now wants the dead trees in the back of his house taken down as part of the cemetery agreement. Recreation Director Lanier explained to him that the County can't take down trees that are on private property. County Administrator Zellner said that if he folds on the deal they will just put a fence around the cemetery and leave it as it is. Public Works Director Rigdon is getting the equipment ready to start working on the decel lane. John Mixon and Jordan Lumber are just about ready to start clear cutting the timber.

County Administrator Zellner gave a cash flow report to the board. The graph presented showed a positive cash flow in January of about 1.35 million. In February, the bills started to come in and around \$875,000 was spent with another \$851,000.00 for payroll. There was \$244,000.00 more spent leaving a negative balance of \$133,000.00. Then \$410,000.00 was deposited leaving a \$333,000.00 balance. Currently, the County has not had to borrow from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) note and a diligent effort has been made in managing the funds.

XII. Round Table.

Commissioner Thrash said that she hoped to see everyone at the BBQ and Blues Festival this coming weekend. She also noted that a child in the meeting audience was present and out of the hospital.

Chairman Glass also said he hoped to see everyone at the BBQ and Blues Festival this coming weekend and announced that the kick-off was this Thursday at United Bank from 5-7 p.m. with refreshments served. Chairman Glass stated that there were a lot of events scheduled and the list could be found in the Barnesville Herald Gazette.

XIII. Executive Session and Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session meeting at approximately 8:09 p.m. The board came out of executive session and Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:12 p.m. Vice-Chairman Heiney 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