

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
June 21st 2018

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

II. **Call to Order**

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

III. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Everyone said the pledge of Allegiance. Terry Holland of Williams Westbury Funeral Home gave the invocation.

IV. **Agenda Approval**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of Corporate Health Partners. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the following five sets of minutes and Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Work Session Meeting-May 9th, 2018
- ii. Public Hearing-May 15th, 2018
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-May 15th, 2018
- iv. Special Called Meeting-May 25th, 2018

VI. **Board Appointments**

1. **Board of Appeals**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Aaron Brown, Mildred Merchant and Frank Holland to the board of appeals for a term of three years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Department of Family and Children Services**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Audrey Smith to the Department of Family and Children Services. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

3. **Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Ryran Traylor to the Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities board. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Lamar County Board of Health Member

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Samantha Bishop to the Lamar County Health Board for a term of 4 years. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board of Elections-Acknowledge of Appointment-City of Milner

Commissioner Thrash to acknowledge the appointment of Bill Christopher to the Board of Elections as the City of Milner appointment due to the resignation of Charles Coleman who was appointed at the May 15th, 2018 Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Three Rivers Regional Commission Public Transportation Services

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Public Transportation contract with Three Rivers Regional Commissioner for an amount of \$5250.00. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Sheriff Office-Surplus Vehicles

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to surplus the following vehicles. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Vin# 3680
- ii. 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Vin # 6721
- iii. 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Vin # 5222

IX. Corporate Health Partners (CHP)

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the contract with Corporate Health Partners, the designated Wellness Program for Lamar County. The contract is for a cost of \$50,800.00 and covers 115 employees. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Glass shared that the Health Care Broker ShawHankins and Blue Cross Blue Shield provides Teledoc where you can speak to a doctor via email, online or phone. Chairman Glass reported that Lamar County had 80 calls, in the past year, to Teledoc and 50 of those calls kept employees from going to the doctor.

X. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Zellner presented a cash flow to the Board of Commissioners. He stated that at the end of May Lamar County was 1.1 million dollars in the red but we are doing better than projected. He said that to date there has been \$900,000 drawn from the line of credit out of the 3.5-million-dollar limit.

County Administrator Zellner gave an update on the Lamar County Tax Commissioner's office and stated that with the recent internet outage the Information Technology (IT) contracted person was getting a better understanding of the T1 line. The T1 line is a slow dedicated line from the Department of Revenue and it is very slow. County Administrator Zellner said that it works with the internet. Since we are down on the internet, it has slowed down tremendously. County Administrator Zellner reported that a Mi-Fi had gotten them back on board and that the sonic firewall has to go through a 4g USB. The mi-fi doesn't have a USB. We contacted Verizon and there is something that we can order so that we can use this. The problem with this is that it only gives us 25 g of data until it slows down to almost dial up speed. Verizon stated that we could order 2 sims card and once it slows down to 25g they can then change it out to the next sims card and get another 25g of data. County Administrator Zellner stated that a contact person with AT&T is planning on visiting the Tax Commissioners Office next week where they will connect fiber optic inside the building. This is related to the DRIVE system that is required by the Department of Revenue. County Administrator Zellner stated that it will take 2 weeks for construction and in 60 days they will be up and running. They will tie in or put a filter on the router. The fiber has 80 connections that can be tied on. They may have to buy another connection that will cost \$600.00 a month. County Administrator Zellner stated that currently there is no internet service at the Tax Commissioners Office. Commissioner Thrash stated that they can't allow the office to be close and stated that it is an injustice to put a note up and say no internet.

County Administrator Zellner reported that he has received the 2019 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) application and the County's portion is going to be \$394,609.37.

County Administrator Zellner reported that on Country Kitchen road a 2.96-inch pipe is broken and they plan to replace the Riff Raff and the Pipe, for patching the road, for a cost of \$32,062.00. There could be emergency LMIG funds available from the Georgia Department of Transportation. County Administrator Zellner stated that it would be helpful to the Public Works Department if the road is closed. County Administrator Zellner presented pictures to the board showing that the pipe and the road is caving in. County Administrator Zellner stated that the pipe has been ordered and the plan is to go ahead and dig up the road. The application deadline for the emergency LMIG money is June 13th, 2018.

County Administrator Zellner stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has closed out the project for Hurricane IRMA. A check for \$5,849 has been received and this is for debris and removal. County Administrator Zellner reported that there 4 projects related to this storm.

The second project is also for debris and removal for a cost of \$19,170.16. This check should be received my Monday. The third project is for \$37,507.00 and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has not received this money but it was requested back on June 11th. It will take 6 weeks to receive this money. The fourth project is the closeout and is for

\$3,155.45. This check has not been requested. The total amount of money that we will get back from Hurricane IRMA is \$66,260.45.

County Administrator Zellner reported that the Senior Center reported a roof lead. It appears that there has been more damage to the roof and it could have resulted from hail damage. The back part of the roof may qualify for hail damage but the front part of the rood may not. County Administrator Zellner reported that he has received one bid thus far and is trying to get another bid. It will need to be approved by the board. County Administrator reported that the air conditioner has gone out at the Senior Center and will need to be replaced. He stated that he is in the process of getting quotes and the purchase of an air conditioner is within his approval level.

XI. Round Table

Commissioner Traylor reported via phone that he had to go to the Top of Mount Rushmore to get service. He and his family are having a great trip and he was glad to be able to attend the meeting.

XII. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Horton made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The board adjourned the executive session meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m. Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:22 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