

Special Called Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 2018

6:30 P.M.

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 for the meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the Special Called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Vice Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Engineering Bid

County Administrator Zellner reported that there were 6 bids received for the CDBG Engineering Bid for the Construction of the new Lamar County Health Department and that Pro-Form was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$1,168,000.00. They are located out of Forsyth, Georgia. Chairman Glass and the board reviewed the bid tabulation sheet for each vendor that bid on the project. Pro-Form met all of the requirements specified in the bid. County Administrator Zellner stated that Pro-Form had worked with the Architect Carter Watkins Associates and they were happy with their work.

The Administrator for the project Ivan and Wanda Minks with Advocates for Better Communities, present for the meeting, stated that Carters Watkins will work with Pro-Form to make sure that they stay within the budget of the project. The total allotted construction cost for the CDBG project is \$1,002,568.00. Lamar County will put in In-Kind work towards the project and these funds have been set aside in the contingency fund.

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to accept the bid from Pro-Form in the amount of \$1,168,000.00. Wanda Minks with Advocates for Better Communities suggested that they make a motion accepting the bid as the low bidder without stating an amount. Carter Watkins Associates will work with Pro-Form to bring the bid of \$1,168.00 down to meet the actual construction cost of the project. Commissioner Traylor amended his motion to accept Pro-Form as the lowest bidder contractor to build the Lamar County Health Department. County Administrator Zellner stated that the motion would need to be amended to include the actual cost of the bid with negotiations. Commissioner Traylor amended his motion again to accept Pro-Form as the lowest bidder for the contractor to build the Lamar County Health Department and that they will negotiate the bid further so

that the amount comes in less than \$1,1168.00. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senior Center Roofing Bid

County Administrator Zellner stated that this is the bid that was rejected and re-bid. The bid for the Senior Center Roofing project was re-bid. The bid was advertised in the local paper, the Herald Gazette, the Lamar County website and the Georgia Procurement site which is a part of the Team Georgia marketplace. Only one bid was received. This was from Blue Bear Restoration in the amount of \$28,408.71. The County will haul off the old tear off to the County landfill. Chairman Glass asked if there a reason why no others put in a bid and County Administrator stated that he did not have a reason for this. Commissioner Horton made a motion to accept the bid of \$28,408.71 from Blue Bear Restoration located in Barnesville, Georgia. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting Discussion

The board went over the agenda and agreed to add the following items for the meeting.

1. Minutes Approval.
 - a) Budget Workshop Meeting-July 6th, 2018
 - b) Public Hearing Meeting-July 17th, 2018
 - c) Regular Business Meeting-July17th, 2018
 - d) Special Called Meeting-July 31st, 2018
2. Policy Mandated by the Georgia Crime Information Center
 - a) Inter-Fund Transfer Policy

County Clerk Davidson reported that this policy is one of three, two others were approved at the July Regular Business meeting, that is a required policy that was sited during an audit by Georgia Bureau of Investigators and is related to the handling of background information for Beer and Wine Licenses.

3. Sunday Alcohol Sales

Chairman Glass reported that this was tabled at the May meeting stating that they would pick it back up in August if they want to put it on the November ballot. Commissioner Thrash inquired what the plans were for this and Chairman Glass said it was for the board to consider putting it on the ballot in November.

4. Computers for IT Surplus
5. Ante Litem Notice on behalf of Cynthia Hardy Wadsworth, descendant/claimant
Commissioner Thrash inquired about why this is on the open agenda instead of being in executive session. Chairman Glass stated that they needed to vote on as to whether or not to accept or deny the notice.
6. Tax Digest and Millage Rate
 - a) Resolution 2018-09 BOC Millage Rate

- b) Resolution 2018-10 LOST Millage Rate
- c) Resolution 2018-11 BOE Millage Rate
- d) Resolution 2018-12 Bond Repayment

Commissioner Thrash requested that they continue the discussion on the Sunday Alcohol Sales. She said initially when this was on the May agenda who requested that this be put on the August agenda. Chairman Glass said that a petition was received with 400 signatures. Commissioner Thrash asked if the addresses of the 400 signatures were validated and if they were all county residents. Chairman Glass stated that he didn't believe that this was a requirement. He said the law doesn't say anything about this being a requirement. Commissioner Thrash said that she didn't believe it was a requirement either but just because someone sends us a petition she didn't believe that it was an automatic requirement to put something on the agenda. Chairman Glass said that this wasn't the reason that it was on the agenda it was on the agenda because it is an issue that people want to address. Commissioner Thrash said that they didn't know if all of those on the petition were Lamar County residents. Commissioner Thrash said that if the citizens want this put on the agenda then that's fine. Chairman Glass said that the citizens don't control the agenda the board does. Commissioner Thrash said that Chairman Glass said that it was put on the agenda because someone presented a petition of citizen signatures so if that is not what is driving it then what is it. Chairman Glass said that if there is enough interest in the public then it needs to be discussed in the meeting. Commissioner Thrash then said so, it was driven by the citizens. Chairman Glass said he agreed with that. Commissioner Thrash said she didn't know what the answer was to this issue or as to why they should move forward with this or how they move forward but it obviously was something that the citizens need to vote on as to if they want to move forward with this but she doesn't like how it was done. Commissioner Thrash said that she didn't research the issue and she doesn't think that anyone on the board looked at this issue. Commissioner Thrash said that she understood that some of those signatures were from Monroe and Butts County and she wants to make sure that if they put something this serious on the agenda that we know that we have just as many people that opposed it as those that are for it. She said that the board needs to make sure that they are Lamar County citizens. Chairman Glass said that some of the signatures are from outside of the County but that there were enough names that he recognized. Commissioner Thrash asked Chairman Glass if he had seen petitions that were signed by those that were against the Sunday Alcohol Sales. County Administrator said you would see those when they go to the ballot. Commissioner Thrash said that if you are going to consider a petition for people that are in favor of Sunday Alcohol Sales then you also have to consider those that are opposed to Sunday Alcohol Sales and the board had not done that. Chairman Glass said he had not seen this petition and Commissioner Thrash said that she had but it had not been submitted. Commissioner Thrash said that if they are going to put it on the agenda and if they said they were going to table it to August then they need to table it again at the August meeting and wait to see the other side of those that are against it so that it is fairly balanced. Chairman Glass said he didn't understand

why they would do this. Commissioner Thrash said because they are not considering both sides. Chairman Glass said that the board had 4 months to do something about it and that she was the only one who heard anything about those that were against it. Chairman Glass asked if anyone had heard about a petition from anyone to not put it on the ballot. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that if it is on the ballot then the people can decide. Commissioner Thrash said that this is the way that it should be. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that this is enough talking point from people in the County and that it should be on the ballot. Commissioner Thrash said that if it is going to be on the August 21st agenda then something needs to be put out there to give people enough time to come in here and let the board know how they feel about it and to let the board know if this is what they want to do. Vice-Chairman Heiney asked Commissioner Thrash how much time she wanted to give them and she said as much time as they need. Commissioner Thrash said this should be more than a week. Chairman Glass said that it had been tabled for four months already. Commissioner Thrash said it was tabled and then put on the agenda based on people who submitted a petition where people said that they want this.

Adjournment

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at approximately 6:30 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 M. Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk