

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 for 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. Dr. E.J. Harris of West Mount Sinai Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**III. Recess for Public Hearing**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to recess the Regular Business meeting at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Reconvene the Regular Business Meeting**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Agenda Approval**

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

**VI. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. October 3rd, Special Called Meeting
- ii. October 8th, Workshop Meeting
- iii. October 16th, Public Hearing Meeting
- iv. October 16th, Regular Business Meeting

**VII. Proclamations**

Commissioner Traylor presented a Proclamation to the Gordon State College Women's Soccer Team who won the GCAA Women's Soccer Region 17 Championship and who were the Finalist NJCAA Women's Soccer Southeast District Championship with Isabelle Vazquez as

the defender, the MVP, and the GCAA Conference Player of the Year. The Gordon State College Women's Soccer Team won the 2018 GCAA Women Soccer All Region. Coach Scott Henderson was named GCAA Coach of the Year. The Lamar County Board of Commissioners acknowledged the outstanding season, the tremendous sacrifices, the total dedication, and the remarkable skill that makes our whole population proud to be associated with the team.

Commissioner Horton presented members of the West Mount Sinai Baptist Church with a Proclamation recognizing the Church for its 170 Year Anniversary celebration. West Mount Sinai Baptist Church was established in 1868 when slaves pulled out of the balcony of the First Baptist Church and organized their own church. The church has had eleven pastors. They are as follows: Rev. Jim Few, Rev. Gilmore, Rev. Lowe, Rev John Dubignon, Rev. John Henry Moore, Rev. Oscar Moore, Rev. D. F. Fuller (served as pastor for 36 years), Rev. W. R. Favors, Rev. St. John Clark, and Rev. Horace Fuller, Jr. (served as pastor for 37 years). The eleventh pastor is Rev. Waylon T. Knight, who began pastoring in January, 2014. The Lamar County joyously recognized West Mount Sinai Baptist Church on this 170th Anniversary and for their long and continuous history and their many contributions to the community.

#### **VIII. Board Appointments**

- i. Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to appoint Pippa Lee Davis, Dr. E.H. Harris, Britt Lifsey, April Mason, Bill Lindsey and Stacey Tenney to the Barnesville Lamar County Library. Stacey Tenney will replace Amanda Buice. The term is for a period of two years beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Erin Cook and Phillip Bell to the Lamar County Industrial Development Authority. The term is for a period of four years beginning December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. Monument in Memory of America's Revolutionary War Soldiers.**

Chairman Glass read a letter granting permission for the Lamar-Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to place a monument in honor of Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Lamar County, Georgia. The Monument will be placed at the expense of the Lamar-Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Once applications and approval are granted from the National Daughters of the American Revolution, the monument will be dedicated and placed on the designated location on the front lawn of the Lamar County Courthouse in Barnesville, Georgia. Upon further research and documentation of service, the following Revolutionary War soldiers have been identified and are proposed to be included in this memorial upon final approval from the National Daughters of the American Revolution. The five names included are John P. Brown, Thomas Green, John Jenkins, Thomas Nelson and William Ogletree. John Bloodworth, Mark Ray and Ludwell Malone will be added at a later date.

Mary Alice English with the Daughters of the American Revolution addressed the board regarding a monument in Memory of America's Revolutionary War soldiers that are buried in

Lamar County. Mrs. English stated that she has been looking forward to this since 1989. She said that their chapter was formed in 1928. Mrs. English stated that she had found every cemetery and every marker. Mrs. English stated that it will take about a year before they can obtain the marker. Mrs. English stated that she felt like the board was giving them the approval and stated that she appreciated this. Mrs. English introduced two members of the Daughters of the American Revolution that were also present for the meeting. They were Claudine White and Mary Kelly Coleman. Mrs. English stated that these soldiers fought in World War I and II and she had not found the soldier that had fought in the Spanish-American Revolutionary War but she believes that she will.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion giving permission to the Lamar Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to place a monument in memory of five American Revolutionary War Soldiers, with three more being added at a later date, on the Lamar County Courthouse. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Lamar County.**

Chairman Glass requested that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Lamar County be tabled since the agreement is not ready at this time. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Lamar County until the January Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Ordinance 2018-07 Minor Subdivision App# 2018-01 by Tom & Shereen Crowley.**

Commissioner Thrash clarified that the Crowley's were not contractors. Commissioner Thrash inquired about the acreage of the lots and asked if the lots could be 2 acre lots as opposed to the 1.29 acreage. Mrs. Crowley responded that they don't have to be 2 acre lots because there is City water there. They had to sell 2 acre lots previously because there was no water on Trice Road. Mrs. Crowley said that their thought was to not have so much land for people to take care of because some people don't want to have to take care of a big lot. They just would like to have a nice house and a nice yard. Mrs. Crowley said that at one point in time there was no water on Trice Road but now there is and you don't have to have 2 acres. Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that the City of Barnesville had agreed to supply water to these lots. He said that the Crowley's will pay for the hook up of the water if they build the house on the lot that is sold but if they just sell the lots then no. Commissioner Thrash requested that the Crowley's listen to the people who spoke at the Public Hearings. Commissioner Thrash requested that they understand what the neighbors were saying and their concerns. The Crowley's stated that they did. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2018-07 Minor Subdivision App# 2018-01 by Tom & Shereen Crowley. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thrash requested to amend the motion to include a condition on lot # 5 that it will not be sold. Chairman Glass and County Administrator Zellner both stated that another motion would need to be made. Commissioner Thrash made a motion that in accordance with re-zoning ordinances that a condition be put on lot # 5 because of it being in a flood zone and

not conducive for building. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. Chairman Glass asked if they don't allow that lot to be sold then how long does this last? Commissioner Thrash replied that it will last as long as it is in the flood zone. Building and Zoning Director Gunter addressed the issue and stated that State and National laws require certain requirements if you want to build in a flood zone. He stated that elevation is one of them. There is a means where you can move dirt in but you would have to take dirt out from another place. He said that there are procedures that allow for building in flood zones. Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that as long as they meet those requirements, he doesn't see how they can say they can't sell the lot. County Administrator Zellner stated that you can't say that you can't sell it. Commissioner Thrash stated that the owners don't even know if the land it is prepped for living. Chairman Glass stated that they are talking about ownership of property. After hearing the above comments, Commissioner Thrash withdrew her motion. Chairman Glass stated that Ordinance 2018-07 by Minor Subdivision App# 2018-01 by Tom & Shereen Crowley would stand approved.

**XII. Ordinance 2018-08 -Use of County Property Prohibited.**

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-08 Use of County Property Prohibited. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Special Exception Application #2018-04 by Kent Kingsley.**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Special Exception Application # 2018-04 by Kent Kingsley to place a radio tower on Thomas Road. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. Air Conditioner Replacements-Courthouse**

County Administrator Zellner reported that a bid had been sent out to five vendors and that the bid was advertised in the legal organ, the Herald Gazette, and on the Lamar County website. Three bids were received. One from A&B Heating & Cooling out of Thomaston, Nail Heating and Air out of Hampton and Central Georgia Heating and Cooling out of Thomaston. The low bid of \$15,892.00 was from Central Georgia Heating and Cooling. County Administrator Zellner stated that the bid was sent to the local vendor, Rooks Brothers Heating and Air and they did not respond. Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to award the low bid of \$15,892.00 to Central Georgia Heating and Cooling. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XV. Execution of Boundary Line Agreement with the Estate of Betty Bowman Childs**

Chairman Glass explained that when the surveyor was checking the plats the boundary lines for Johnstonville Community Clubhouse were in question. There was no documentation and no boundary lines in the plat. The Execution of Boundary Line agreement is an attempt to codify this and make it an official record. The insurance company will need this for title information. The estate has agreed to this agreement and it will be filed as the official plat.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Execution of the Boundary Line Agreement with the Estate of Betty Bowman Childs. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XVI. Resolution 2018-16 Adoption of 2019 Budget.**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16 adopting the 2019 Budget for Lamar County. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XVII. Resolution 2018-17 General Obligation Bond for the New Jail.**

Chairman Glass explained that this is a high priority need in Lamar County because the Grand Jury had conducted several investigations over the last several years and had recommended twice that a new jail be built. If the County does not build a new jail, the County may be forced, by a Judge, to build a new jail. The cost to build a new jail is an estimated 15.5 million dollars over a 30 thirty-year period that the County will have to borrow. The County will need to incur bonded debt for this purpose. Chairman Glass said that building a new jail is based on feedback from Sheriff White, a Facilities Committee and engineers. In order for the County to borrow money for the new jail, the permission must come from the citizens of Lamar County therefore; the board must approve a General Obligation Bond Resolution for the new jail so that a referendum can be held in March. A special election will be held on March 19, 2019. Trey Monroe, the underwriter for STIFFEL Finance Company, who will issue the bonds, was in attendance to answer any questions. There being no questions, Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-17 General Obligation Bond calling for a Special Election in Lamar County to be held on March 19, 2019 for the purpose of building a new jail. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. Resolution 2018-18 Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum**

Chairman Glass explained that the Sunday Alcohol Sales referendum was so that the citizens could vote on whether or not they want Sunday Alcohol Sales. This will be a Special Election that will be held in March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Chairman Glass explained that there are two questions that will be on the ballot. The first question is “Shall the governing authority of the Lamar County, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailer of both malt beverages and wine on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.”? The second question is “Shall the governing authority of the Lamar County, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages purposes by the drink”? Chairman Glass explained that distilled spirits aren’t currently allowed in the County Code. The wording on the ballot can’t be changed as the State requires that specific wording. Chairman Glass said that legislation would not permit the selling of distilled spirits, assuming this passes in March, only beer and wine. This Resolution is not approving these sales but just to put the questions on the ballot in March.

Commissioner Thrash stated that there were several reasons as to why they shouldn't do this. She said that people have brought up the issue that you have to separate Church and State. Commissioner Thrash said that in the Resolution it says that we won't start this until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday and asked why this is? Chairman Glass replied that this is State law but there is a new law that has been passed that allows earlier sales but you can't approve earlier sales on Sunday until you have any sales at all on Sunday. If you want to move it to earlier than 12:30 p.m., then you will have to have another referendum after the Sunday Sales of Alcohol is initiated. Commissioner Thrash stated that when the legislators had discussion about this the reason, they didn't want to do that is because of people getting out of Church. Commissioner Thrash stated that this is talking out of both sides of your mouth. Commissioner Thrash said that one thing that they as Commissioners have to look at is not from a religious perspective but they have to look at the health and general wellness of all the citizens. She said that the issues have been raised that the County is missing out on revenue. Commissioner Thrash said that a couple of people will benefit from this as business owners and the tax payers are going to see a return on their investment which is going to be much costlier. Commissioner Thrash went on to say that number one you will have an increase in domestic violence and statistics show this. She said that you are going to have an increase in DUI cases and the statistics show you that. Commissioner Thrash stated that they can't solely rely on religious reasons to ban alcohol sale and the justification has to come from other factors such as public health and public concerns. Commissioner Thrash said that they are going to be putting more of a burden on our law enforcement officers. She said that the statistics are there. If you do research on this, and she believes it was Sweden, they banned alcohol sales and when they did, their DUI's went down and their domestic violence cases went down. Commissioner Thrash said that New Mexico did the same thing and their DUI's went up by 29 percent so she is not sure you can look at those things. Commissioner Thrash said that the tax payers spend thousands of dollars on drug and alcohol court in Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash said that they are trying to help people at the Accountability Court from moving towards that kind of behavior and to her this doesn't make any sense. Many of the residents in Lamar County choose to live here because it is different and by living here, we gain some things and we lose some things and it is a part of our uniqueness here in this County. Commissioner Thrash said that in America we have lost our moral compass and requested that the moral compass not be lost in Lamar County and requested that this not be done.

Commissioner Horton stated that he agreed with most everything that Commissioner Thrash had said and he wanted everyone to know that he doesn't drink period but for the people that want to drink, if you took a survey of folks here and those in-home ministries, you can't take this away from giving the citizens the opportunity to voice their opinion. Commissioner Horton said that they need to give the constituents the opportunity to vote.

Commissioner Thrash said if the people can't buy enough alcohol on Sunday, there problem is not where they buy alcohol.

Commissioner Horton said that when the board takes things into their own hands, they take away the privileges from the voters and the community. Commissioner Horton stated that he himself will vote no but he doesn't feel that the Board of Commissioners should make that decision.

Commissioner Traylor stated that this is an issue that he personally has thought about for a while. He has received tons of phone calls and more than he ever would have wanted. He has had some people ask him why this is necessary. Commissioner Traylor said that he agreed with Commissioner Thrash because it is one of those things where you look at your gut and your desires for the community. Commissioner Thrash said that our Country is not desirable but it seems to be the way of our world. Commissioner Traylor stated that he was on a phone call for 45 minutes regarding this conversation and several this past weekend. He stated that he is constantly stating the reason that this is not necessary. He said just to know and to hear issues that come up in policies and politics and our Country is so emotionally driven that most people are fighting the fight even though they have no care for the issue they just fight to fight. Commissioner Traylor said that this is one of these issues where regardless of this you are going to continue to hear people gripe about this.

Commissioner Thrash asked Chairman Glass if he would allow a few people in attendance to speak on this issue. Chairman Glass replied that he didn't see any purpose on that. Commissioner Thrash stated that in the past Chairman Glass had allowed people to speak and he had openly said if anyone wanted to speak on an issue that they could. Commissioner Thrash stated that it was very clear that Chairman Glass was in support of this but told Chairman Glass that he needed to hear from the people that came tonight and to hear what they wanted to say whether they were for it or against it. Chairman Glass stated that they have had many months to get this up to a vote and that they had heard both sides. Commissioner Thrash said that if he made the choice to stifle the constituents then that was his choice but she totally opposed it and said that he runs the meetings.

Chairman Glass called for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18 Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum. Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18 Sunday Sales Alcohol Referendum and Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash opposed the motion and Commissioner Traylor opposed the motion. Chairman Glass made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18 Sunday Sales Alcohol Referendum breaking the 2-2 tie. Chairman Glass stated that he also agreed that the citizens should have the final word on this and he understood the concerns about problems it might bring to the community but for democracy purposes the citizens should make that decision instead of the five of them sitting there. The motion passed 3-2.

Commissioner Thrash said Chairman Glass speaks on democracy but stifled the citizens of Lamar County that were there to speak about this issue and said that he picks and chooses what issues he allows people to speak on and that is wrong.

## **XIX. LMIG PRIORITY ADDITIONAL LIST OF ROADS**

County Administrator Zellner reported that \$68,000.00 more was needed for the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) to be added to the list of roads that was previously approved. Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Peacock and Warner Roads to the (LMIG) paving list of roads. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XX. Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Zellner reported that he had checked into the cost of an offsite storage buildings for the County's records. He stated that a 30 x 30 building made out of block with a metal roof will cost \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.000. There are electrical wiring and sprinkler system issues to consider with this type of building. County Administrator Zellner stated that it is debatable as to whether or not they have to have a sprinkler system and he believes that they don't have to have a sprinkler system. The cost to is approximately \$100.00 to \$110.00 per square feet. County Administrator Zellner stated that the records in the basement of the Courthouse are in bad shape and need to be removed.

County Administrator Zellner reported that County Clerk Davidson had paid off the Tax Anticipation Note on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the only amount left to pay is a little bit of interest.

County Administrator Zellner reported that A&T is working to complete the Tag Office with fiber optic that will connect from the Tag Office to the Fire Station. The activation fee is \$500.00 and the monthly cost for the service will be about \$619.00 a month. There is a \$16.00 cost for the IP address. This will be for 20 mg. A representative is scheduled to discuss the possibilities of getting fiber optic for other offices in the County. The board agreed that this should go on the agenda in December.

County Administrator Zellner reported that he had been working with Dane Bishop with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding the intersection at Rose Avenue and Murphey Avenue. The City of Barnesville is spear heading this initiative and Lamar County will need to send a letter of support to GDOT.

County Administrator Zellner requested that they go into executive session to discuss a tax matter.

## **XXI. Public Comments**

Randy Vining of 153 Ridgeway Road in Milner, Georgia addressed the board and stated that he was hoping to be able to speak tonight. He addressed Chairman Glass saying that we are not a democracy. Mr. Vining said that we are a Republic and people like the Board of Commissioners are elected and not everything goes up for a vote. He said that our forefathers

knew this and that is why they didn't want to make this a democracy. They didn't want it to be mob ruled. They figured it was best to elect people by their constituents. Mr. Vining addressed Chairman Glass and said you had people who wanted to speak. Mr. Vining said that there were constituents that wanted to speak and Chairman Glass didn't let the people speak. He further stated that Commissioner Horton's family owns a bar and should have recused himself of the vote. Mr. Vining stated that Chairman Glass helped him make up his mind about selling his house in Commissioner Thrash's district. He said that now he was going to move down on the southside in Chairman Glass's district and he said that he is going to work for his job because he doesn't let the constituents speak and listen to them when they come to a meeting as important as this.

Tracy Alford of 101 Pecan Drive Milner, Georgia. Mrs. Alford stated that she is a City Council member and a business owner in Milner, Georgia. Mrs. Alford said that her husband is police officer in Milner and a police officer at Gordon State College. She said she did a poll and got 114 no's and 3 yeses for Sunday Alcohol Sales. Mrs. Alford stated that she owns a business and she still votes no. Ms. Alford stated that they needed to look at the future and the stuff that is happening in Spalding County. She said that everyday stuff is happening and she doesn't want to be like Spalding County and Macon, Georgia. Mrs. Alford stated that she didn't want all of this coming in to Lamar County. She said that she wished that Chairman Glass had given the people a chance to speak and to voice their opinion. Mrs. Alford stated that she had spoken to people who were local.

Ashley Giles of 425 Abbott Road addressed the board and inquired about who started the Sunday Alcohol petition. She said that she heard that these people don't live in the County. and you shouldn't be allowed to sign a petition unless you are a resident of Lamar County. Ms. Giles said she heard they were chasing people down with their cars and wondered if this petition was even legal. Ms. Giles said if the people, who submitted the petition, are going to be paying any money for this special election since this was brought up before the jail was included in the special election. Ms. Giles said that since this was going on the referendum did it make since for them to pay for the special election or is this just working with the special election at no cost to them. Chairman Glass said that he didn't follow this question. Chairman Glass said that the cost for the special election will come out of the County Budget. Ms. Giles said that she heard that you have to pay for a special election. Chairman Glass stated that any election has to be paid for. If you are doing a Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) or an Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) for the school that special election has to be paid for. To hold a special election for the replacement of someone elected in the County or the City the special election will have to be paid for. This is a County issue so the County pays for the special election. Ms. Giles stated that she knows that the government tries to do what is best for the people but there are people that are new to the County. Ms. Giles stated that this County is special and you don't find to many other counties that have Sunday alcohol sales. Ms. Giles requested that when the board makes a decision, she wants them to think about the community and not the big alcohol companies who are making a profit because they already have their money. Ms. Giles said that she was very surprised that it is going on the ballot. Ms.

Giles asked if the Sunday alcohol sales goes on the ballot and someone else brings up that they want a brothel or pot added to the ballot and you said that you didn't want that there would this be like the Sunday alcohol sales and left up to the County. Chairman Glass stated that there was no County law authoring this. A referendum for Sunday Alcohol Sales is permitted by State law. The sale of marijuana is not permitted by State law.

Melissa Cline of 420 Country Kitchen Road addressed the board and said that she appreciated the fact that she is adult enough to go and vote and make her own decision. She said that she could understand the outrage if this was a dry county but said she believes that it is naïve to think that allowing one more day of alcohol would make that much of a difference. Mrs. Cline said that her father was an alcoholic and he didn't care what day of the week it was whether it was Monday or Sunday. She said he tried to shoot her mother with her standing there. Mrs. Cline stated that her problem with this issue is that she is being told that she doesn't have enough intelligence to vote on this. Mrs. Cline said that if there are that many people in this County that are opposed to Sunday alcohol sales then all they have to do is vote and if they don't then that is their problem. That is their responsibility. Mrs. Cline stated that she had already been told by one of the members of the audience that they don't want to hear her voice so she appreciates the fact that the board let her stand there and say that if she is smart enough to vote for the President and she is smart enough to vote for the Governor she is smart enough to vote for Sunday alcohol sales. Mrs. Cline said that Lamar County is not a dry county and she has lived here her whole life except for 10 years when her family was in the military. She said that she has always been able to drive to Orchard Hill, Georgia to get what she wanted and just because we don't sell it here on Sunday isn't going to keep people from getting it. Mrs. Cline stated that she appreciated them voting to put it on the ballot to give the people a chance to vote.

Edward Whitelock of 401 Zebulon Street addressed the board and stated that he is a member of the community and has been a professor at Gordon State College for over 20 years. He loves Barnesville and he loves living in this County. He said he has raised two sons here. One of them is a volunteer firefighter here in Lamar County and also a full-time fire fighter in Macon, Georgia. Mr. Whitelock told the board thank you for voting and for listening to citizens over a period of time. Mr. Whitelock stated that he supported the vote for the Sunday alcohol sales but as a citizen he will respect the results of that vote. Mr. Whitelock thanked everyone for their thoughtful opinion and for understanding the difference of opinion with compassion. Mr. Whitelock said that this Country gets its strength from differences of opinions and the ability to debate. Mr. Whitelock said that he saw respect and love of Country this evening and he thanked everyone for that.

## **XXII. Round Table**

Commissioner Horton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Vice-Chairman Heiney wished everyone a safe and alcohol-free Happy Thanksgiving. He said to enjoy yourselves and be Thankful for what God has given you.

Commissioner Traylor said Happy Thanksgiving to all. He said he challenged his students to do something different at Thanksgiving. He said that in the atmosphere of our Country we have gotten to the point where we love our families and we see our families on Thanksgiving but he challenged them to step outside the box and show love to someone else, such as a neighbor. They could participate in helping feed their neighbors or something else in the community as long as they stepped outside the box. Commissioner Traylor said to be safe and enjoy the holiday.

Commissioner Thrash wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She said that she has been a Commissioner in this County for 10 years and sometimes it gets lonesome up there when you say wait a minute lets slow down and think about this. Commissioner Thrash stated that the way this whole alcohol thing was handled and the reason why you don't see this person here that is pushing this is because he knew it was a done deal. Commissioner Thrash stated that she doesn't like the way this whole thing was handled. Commissioner Thrash stated that when this was being put on the ballot in the beginning a petition was brought to the board with 300 names. Commissioner Thrash raised the issue as to whether or not these were Lamar County citizens on the petition. Commissioner Thrash said that some were not. Commissioner Thrash said that what happened tonight made her very ashamed of this Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thrash said that she can't believe what took place there tonight and said she was very disappointed in Chairman Glass.

County Administrator Zellner said Happy Thanksgiving. Happy Turkey Day. Gobble Gobble.

**XXIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:40 p.m. 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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Robert Heiney, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

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