

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**12:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. p.m. on April 11th, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Thrash, Former County Administrator Zellner, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson. Vice-Chairman Traylor was absent for the meeting.

**Worker's Compensation Safety Incentive**

County Clerk Davidson reported that the County had received a check in the amount of \$24,815.00 to be used for safety purposes. County Administrator Townsend reported that in past years the funds had been put back to the department worker's compensation line item and that the Sheriff's Office, having the largest employment, received the bulk of the monies. County Clerk Davidson stated that Human Resource Officer Kilchriss had found out that this money could be used for anything as long as it was related to Safety. County Clerk Davidson stated that Human Resource Officer Kilchriss wanted to use the money for new keyboards to assist with preventing carpal tunnel. County Clerk Davidson explained to the board that she would like for some of those funds to go towards fixing the issue in the large conference room at the Administration building because several people, including herself, had been injured due to the rolling chairs. The Health Promotion Services Field Representative, Candace Amos, met with both County Clerk Davidson and Human Resource Officer Kilchriss. The purpose of the visit was to find the best solution for the chairs in the large conference room because of the injuries that were reported due to the chairs rolling out of place. In the small conference room, the floor is gently sloped or slanted. The smooth surface and finish of the hardwood floors, along with unlevelled flooring, can increase the risk of injuries from the chairs rolling unexpectedly. Ms. Amos said that in order to help mitigate the risk, equipment purchases or other corrective actions should be considered. Ms. Amos gave the suggestion that locks be put on the wheels so that the chairs don't roll. Another suggestion was to purchase floor mats to go underneath each chair. A final suggestion from Former County Administrator Zellner was to put down some type of carpet on the floor so that the chairs don't roll as easily. Commissioner Thrash stated that she was concerned about the courthouse and the safety of the those that could trip over exposed wires. The board also discussed the stains on the carpet and the chairs in the Grand Jury Room. Chairman Glass requested that a priority list along with prices be determined and brought back to the board for approval.

**Peddler's License**

County Clerk Davidson reported that the County Clerk is in charge of the peddler's license. County Clerk Davidson provided the board with the peddler's license Code of Law from the Lamar County code book and stated that she had never had a request for a peddler's license in the 9 years that she had been there. County Clerk Davidson reported that Administrative Assistant Windle has received a call from ADT stating that they wanted to apply for a peddler's license. The Lamar County code book states that that the County Clerk is responsible for the peddler's license. The

board discussed charging a \$50.00 application fee. The board suggested that the County Attorney be contacted regarding this issue.

### **Ordinance Updates**

Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that Ordinance 2019-07 amends Chapter 2-5, Article II, Section N 2-5-34 of the Code of Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia entitled “Posting of Numerals” to add a posting requirement for new construction homes. Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that there is no specification of height in the code. He wasn’t sure about the standard size. He said that the numbering system should be at least 3 inches. Chairman Glass requested that this information be verified with the Fire Department. There was discussion from the board about the roadside yard and the reflective signs not being in the back yard. They also discussed that it can’t be where the driveway comes in and it must be on the road side yard within 15 to 20 ft off of the driveway. There was discussion about it being 3 ft. to the right of the entrance way.

Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that Ordinance 2019-08 amends Chapter 2-16 article I, section 2-16-1(e) to read: “The pipe cover (c.d.) shall be at least one-half (1/2) foot”. It also deletes section 2-16-(1)(5) in its entirety.

Building and Zoning Director Gunter stated that Ordinance 2019-09 amends the Zoning Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, and is in conformance with the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and is of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people. In Appendix 1, Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 405.(b) changes the first sentence to read “The administrative officer will issue the certificate of occupancy within ten (10) days of receiving the building permit with required certifications, if he finds that all requirements of these regulations and all other applicable ordinances have been met, including the requirement for posting of house numbers.” In Appendix 1, Zoning Ordinance, Article 10, Section 1004 (a)(1) delete the word “attached” and insert the word “detached.” In Appendix 1, Zoning Ordinance, Article 14, Section 1404 (a) (10) change the section to read:

“Nursing home meeting the following development standards:

- a. Must be located on an arterial street / road.
- b. All buildings must be placed at least 50 feet from any property lines.
- c. A buffer must be maintained along the side and rear property lines.”

In Appendix F, Sign Ordinance, Article V. add a new section 501. (c) to read as follows: “Some principal uses, authorized as special exceptions, in an Agricultural - Residential (AR) zoned district, need signs to identify their location and/or use. Such principal uses are therefore considered equivalent to commercial enterprises for purposes of sign permits and must meet the standards for the size and site location for the appropriate type sign”

### **Regular Meeting Discussion**

- 1) Reviewed the following minutes.
  - Workshop Meeting-March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Public Hearing Meeting-March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Regular Business Meeting-March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- 2) The board reviewed three Proclamations.
    - Confederate History and Heritage Month
    - Child Abuse Month
    - National Donate Life Month
  - 3) The board discussed the fire truck financing. County Clerk Davidson reported that she has been working with ACCG & BB&T regarding financing through them. Former County Administrator Zellner reported that the amount to be financed is not to exceed \$360,00.00 and is for a rate of 3.25 with a term of 36 months. The first payment will begin 4-18-2020. The rate received from United Bank is 4.734 with a term of 36 months. The first payment will be due on 12-31-2019.
  - 4) The board reviewed Resolution 2019-05 Comprehensive Plan for Lamar County.
  - 5) The board reviewed Resolution 2019-06 Authorizing the Lease Purchase Agreement with ACCG & BB&T.
  - 6) The board reviewed Ordinance 2019-06 Sunday Alcohol Sales. The board discussed the hours related to Sunday alcohol sales. Chairman Glass noted that in Section 2-3-19 it states that it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale by the package, in or upon any licensed premises, any alcoholic beverage except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and midnight on Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 12:30 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on Sunday of each calendar week. The board agreed that it should be changed to “between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 12:00 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on Sunday of each calendar week.”
  - 7) The board discussed the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant projects for the roads. County Administrator Townsend explained that there was a bid opening for the multi-road repaving project and they received 3 bids. Georgia Asphalt was the low bid with \$ 605,593.10. C.W. Matthews gave a bid of \$ 658,22.50; Blount Construction gave a bid of \$ 807,353.20, and Cecil Key Paving gave a bid of \$ 956,024.24

### **Other Discussion**

County Administrator Townsend reported that he has signed up to take the Certified Public Manager Course with Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

County Administrator Townsend reported that the ad for the Accounting Technician is being advertised in the legal organ and on the County website.

Former County Administrator Zellner reported that only one application for the Planning and Zoning position had been received.

Chairman Glass inquired about the board setting up a formal committee or providing a County liaison for the Lamar County Animal Shelter. Commissioner Thrash and Commissioner Heiney both stated that this was pre-mature. There was discussion related to the architectural drawings and the building process and the fact that the Lamar County Animal Shelter won't be built for the next three to four years. Chairman Glass stated that it could possibly be two years out before the shelter is built. Chairman Glass suggested that they could defer this decision until six months or even one year before they setup up a formal committee or a County liaison. Chairman Glass stated that the Lamar County Animal Shelter committee is asking for guidance and that to market the

Lamar County Animal Shelter they need the County to become formally involved. Former County Administrator Zellner stated that there is an issue with the location of the Lamar County Animal Shelter since the jail bond didn't pass. He said that the plans were to move it from the location next to the arena, the proposed jail site, to a location near the bus barn. Former County Administrator Zellner stated that the sign was moved to that location but has since then it had been moved back to the location next to the arena. Commissioner Heiney pointed out that the County has \$250,000.00 in contingency for the Lamar County Animal Shelter. Chairman Glass and the board agreed that the biggest concern with the Lamar County Animal Shelter is with the operating cost.

Former County Administrator Zellner stated that he needs to get with Shanna English in regards to the Old Jail Museum and said that they need some type of grant to support the museum once she retires.

Commissioner Heiney inquired about fixing the section of Crawford Road that has the rock that runs down the middle of it. He asked if a short section could be left around the rock and then the rest of the road could be paved. Former County Administrator Zellner stated that this was not possible. Commissioner Heiney asked why a section of Bottoms Road could not be paved. Chairman Glass replied that this is because of the pipe that runs down the middle of the road. Chairman Glass said that this is one of the reasons for not resurfacing the road. Chairman Glass said that the main supply for the water treatment plant runs through this pipe on Bottoms Road. Commissioner Heiney asked who pays for the repairs of the road. Chairman Glass replied that Public Works will patch it or do whatever needs to be done to fix the road but said that it could be a nightmare. Chairman Glass requested that Former County Administrator Zellner get with the Public Works Director Rigdon to discuss Crawford, City Pond and Ingram. Chairman Glass said that there are no quick fixes but there could be long term possibilities.

Commissioner Horton reported that on Aldora Street, near the Nipper property it is a junk pile and an eye sore and he has been receiving complaints. He asked if anything could be done to improve this site. Former County Administrator Zellner stated that the Code Enforcement Officer could site them but, in the end, they will end up tearing the buildings down and it will cost the County. He said that it is a process but he would get the Code Enforcement Officer to check on it.

Former County Administrator Zellner reported that Sean Townsend the new County Administrator Townsend is doing a great job and everything is going smooth. He said that the biggest issue he had was with his computer. He was waiting on a Dell computer but ending going with an HP which is available now.

County Administrator Townsend reported on the audit and stated that Clerk of Superior Court Tyson had been out due to sickness and an illness in his family. County Administrator Townsend stated that in order to get the audit done by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, he has to meet with the County auditor, Robyn Underwood. County Administrator Townsend reported that he owes the County six months of collections. County Administrator Townsend said that the actuaries are supposed to be done by the month of May. The Law Library and the Barnesville Lamar County Library audits are already completed. County Administrator Townsend reported that the audit committee had a time frame plan to get the audit to the board by June. County Administrator Townsend said that Susan Milner

with the Solid Waste Authority had recently had surgery but is working on getting the Solid Waste Authority audit done. County Administrator Townsend said that currently the biggest issue is with the fact that Clerk of Superior Court Tyson hasn't turned his reports into CPA Robyn Underwood and his office still owes the County money. County Administrator Townsend said that he has reached out to Clerk of Superior Court Tyson and he says he is having problems with his software system. Chairman Glass stated that they have offered to assist him with this issue but they can't force him to accept the help.

Commissioner Thrash invited the board to a ribbon cutting for the Milner Library on April 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Thrash reported that there would be a rural broadband update on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Tifton, Georgia. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

Commissioner Thrash reported that the Towaliga Circuit will meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Chairman Glass reported on SB 0065 Title Ad Valorem Tax. He said that this bill lowers the title ad valorem tax (TAVT) rate from 7% to 6.6% until July 2023, at which the rate would return to 7%. The bill also revises the methodology for calculating TAVT for used cars sold by dealers, with the TAVT to be calculated on the retail sales price (rather than the current lower "book value", which is an average of retail value and wholesale value). This bill provides that the transfer of a motor vehicle between businesses that are at least 50%-owned by the same person would be exempt from paying title ad valorem tax on that transaction, provided that one of such businesses has previously paid TAVT on that vehicle.

Former County Administrator Zellner reported that the courthouse mold has been remediated. He stated that he recently took Chamber of Commerce Director Kathy Oxford and Niki Sappington with the City of Barnesville down into the basement as they are looking at it for a possible site for a movie. He said that there was still a little bit of water down there but otherwise it was about all dried out. He said that there is some water in the boiler room but the fan is running to continue to dry it out.

The board discussed the fact that the SB 171 requires that counties provide their local constitutional officers (sheriff, tax commissioner, probate judge and clerk of court) an additional 5 percent pay increase.

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at approximately 1:56 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Ryran Traylor, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Robert Heiney, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

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