

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
May 21st, 2019

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

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. Terry Harper with the Public Works Department gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting

Commissioner Horton made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Approval

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

VI. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Meeting-April 11th, 2019
- ii. Regular Business Meeting-April 16th, 2019
- iii. Special Called Meeting-May 3rd, 2019

VII. Proclamations and Recognition

Vice-Chairman Traylor presented a proclamation to Nurse Manager Sherry Farr for National Nurses Week requesting that the residents of Lamar County celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve the health care system, showing appreciation for the

nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

Vice-Chairman Traylor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Martha Holloway in recognition of her 25 years of service with Lamar County. Mrs. Holloway worked for 10 years with the Lamar County Health Department and served 15 years as a member on the Lamar County Board of Health.

Commissioner Thrash presented a proclamation to the Lamar County Public Works Department designating the week of May 19 – 25, 2019 as National Public Works Week and urging all citizens to pay tribute to the Public Works employees recognizing the substantial contributions that they make protecting the safety of our infrastructure and quality of life. The year 2019 marks the 59th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

VIII. Presentation by Nurse Manager Sherry Farr of the Lamar County Health Department

Nurse Manager Sherry Farr gave a report to the Board of Commissioners regarding the Lamar County Health Department. The entire report is attached to the minutes.

IX. Board Appointments:

- i. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Dr. Robert Cox and Fire Chief Douglas Matthews to the Georgia Emergency Medical System (EMS) board for a period of two years. The term will expire on June 30th, 2021. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the resignation of retired Public Health Nurse Martha Holloway whose serves on the Lamar County Board of Health as a consumer who will represent the needy, underprivileged or elderly and to appoint Jodi Kidd as her replacement for the unexpired term which is December 2021. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. BB&T & ACCG Contract -Fire Truck

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the contract with BB&T for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck. The amount of the contract is \$342,324.00 with 3 annual payments of \$121,604.08 beginning on 6/1/2020 and ending on 6/1/2022. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Ground Lease Agreement with McIntosh Trail Community Service Board

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the Ground Lease Agreement with McIntosh Trail Community Service board which allows Square Foot Ministry out of Fayetteville, Georgia to build a new facility on leased land from Lamar County. The property is located between the Recycling Center and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) fenced in storage area. There is no cost to the County tax payers and is a benefit to the County. Commissioner Thrash

seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash amended her motion to include a term of 25 years and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. S.R. 36 Park Bid Tabulation

Charles Welch (Corky) with Goodwyn, Mill, and Cawood (GMC) addressed the board with a review of the S.R.36 Park bid tabulation (attached to the minutes). Mr. Welch stated that everything is necessary in the Phase I bid except for the water line included in items 20-23. The pavilion for the park is not included in Phase I because the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requires a turning lane to be constructed. Mr. Welch stated that there is room for negotiation with the contractors and certain items can be taken out of the bid but you can't award part 1 without part 2 of the bid. Mr. Welch stated that part 1 is for the turn lanes and part 2 is the paving into the park, pavilion parking and the water line from the road to the building area. Mr. Welch stated that the board may elect to remove the water line to save on cost and then have the Public Works Department complete this portion of the project. Mr. Welch's recommendation was to figure out what can be done budget wise and then try to negotiate with the contractors. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the S.R. 36 Park bid tabulation until the June Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Ordinance 2019-06 2nd Reading Sunday Alcohol Sales

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-06 Sunday Alcohol Sales. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Ordinance 2019-07 1st Reading Posting of Numerals for New Construction Homes

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-07 Posting of Numerals for New Construction Homes adding, "New construction homes that share a driveway shall follow the same requirements by installing house number signs at the intersection of the shared driveway and the road and also at the intersection of the shared driveway and private drive." and also adding, "Signs must be 12 inches wide by 6 inches High. Numbers be 3-3/4 inches to 4 inches high." Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. Ordinance 2019-08 1st Reading Specification for Roads

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-08 for the Specification of Roads which was to correct the first sentence of Sec. 2-16-1(e) to read: "The pipe cover (c.d.) shall be at least one-half (1/2) foot." and to delete Sec. 2-16-1(l)(5) in its entirety. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Ordinance 2019-09 1st Reading Amending the Zoning Ordinance for Lamar County

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the first reading of Amending the Zoning Ordinance for Lamar County which was to clean up typographical errors in the ordinance. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Ordinance 2019-10 Reading Rezoning by Bankston Properties

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 Rezoning by Bankston Properties LLC to rezone approximately 5.4 acres from A-R (Agricultural Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial) for commercial sale with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission board that Mr. Bankston increase the green barrier between the tract and residential neighbor. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townsend reported that April was a good month for both the expenditures and the revenues and that the County ended up \$125,000.00 lower than forecasted amount. He said that the Departments are working with the money that is allocated to them in the budget.

Chairman Glass announced that Baleigh Burkett had been hired as the new Accounting Technician and that Anita Buice had been hired as the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

XIX. Public Comments

Mr. Ricky Brooks of 101 Carriage Way Barnesville addressed the board announcing an organization called "Lamar On the Move." He said that they are in the process of applying for a 501(c)3. Their mission statement includes being committed to a safe, united and thriving community for all citizens with responsible leadership, equality and accountability. They support economic and community development, higher learning and improved quality of life for all. Their vision is to foster relationships, equality, opportunity and improve the quality of life through service, communication and accountability. They have four active sub-committees assisting with community affairs. These include Housing, Education, City and County Government, and Public Safety. Mr. Brooks said that they are there to assist, advise and take necessary action when called upon. Mr. Brooks stated that there were some members of "Lamar On the Move" present for the meeting including Alvin Hugh, Harold Ivy, and Alan Steckler who were there to support and there to make a difference in the community. Mr. Brooks said that he was there to support the Board of Commissioners and to improve the community and the town. Mr. Brooks concluded by saying that Mr. Eddie Felton is the Director of "Lamar on the Move."

XX. Round Table

Commissioner Horton stated that he was there to help in any way that he could with the "Lamar On the Move" organization.

Vice-Chairman Traylor echoed Nurse Manager Farr and said with the new Lamar County High School, Gordon State College and the new Lamar County Health Department, great things are in store for Lamar County. He said that these are things to celebrate, especially when you watch the news and hear about other counties, in Lamar County. Vice-Chairman said that hopefully people are proud to be in Lamar County because things are looking up for the community. Vice-Chairman Traylor announced that he has been chosen to serve on the joint Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)/Georgia Municipal Association (GMC) task force for the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) and the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). The first meeting will be held at ACCG's Office in Atlanta on June 5th, 2019 and will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Thrash congratulated all of the 2019 graduates from Lamar County High School, Rock Springs Christian Academy, St. George's Episcopal School, and Gordon State College.

County Administrator Townsend thanked former County Administrator Bob Zellner for being his leader and mentor for the last 5 years and said that he hoped he has a great retirement.

Chairman Glass stated that the new High School is nearing completion and a lot of great things will be going on this summer with all of the schools including the Lamar County High School and Gordon State College baseball and soccer teams. Chairman Glass announced that there were changes in the Administrative staff including the retirement of Dan Gunter and Bob Zellner. He said that even though there have been staff changes he is looking forward to working with a great staff and having a great future in Lamar County.

XXI. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting and to go into executive session to discuss real estate at approximately 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:40 p.m. and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Ryran Traylor, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk