

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
June 18th, 2019**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Traylor, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Thrash, County Clerk Davidson and County Attorney Mayfield. County Administrator Townsend 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. Craig Ogletree with Greater Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Horton made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing at approximately 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting

The board reconvened the meeting.

V. Agenda Approval

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

VI. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the following three sets of minutes. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-May 16th, 2019
- ii. Public Hearing-May 21st, 2019
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-May 21st, 2019

VII. American Red Cross Central Midwest Georgia

Connie Hensler and Dale Eubanks with the American Red Cross Central Midwest Georgia thanked Fire Chief Douglas Matthews, Firefighter Charlie Muise, the Lamar County Fire Department, Chairman Charles Glass and Georgia Power Community Representative Craig Ogletree publicly for their support and acknowledged them for helping to install smoke alarms

and for educating the community on fire prevention and preparedness. Mr. Ogletree also thanked Vice-Chairman Traylor for his role with the Gordon State College students who also helped install the smoke alarms. Ms. Hensler reported that 376 smoke alarms had been installed.

VIII. Tyrone Smith-2020 Census

Tyrone Smith, Recruiting Assistant for the United States Census addressed the board with information regarding jobs through 2020 and hiring over 100 additional employees, full and part time, in Lamar County, starting at \$14.50/hour. He stated that 100 people are needed in Lamar County. The website to apply online is www.2020census.gov/jobs. The board agreed to add this link to the Lamar County website.

IX. S.R. 36 Park Bid Tabulation

Chairman Glass reported that the S.R. 36 Park bid is still 1.08 million dollars and reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) offered to help with an amount of \$150,000.00 but said that more funds are still needed to complete the project. The project is for a decel and left turning lane into the park. Jack Reed, an engineer with GDOT, has requested more details before the County can obtain more funds. Chairman Glass recommended that the bid be tabled for another month. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the S.R. 36 Park bid until the July Regular Business meeting and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

X. Board Appointments: Department of Family and Children Services

Commissioner Horton made a motion to re-appoint Eddie Collier and Olivia Banks to the Department of Family and Children Services for a term of four years. The term will expire on June 30th, 2023. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Safety Refund from ACCG

The Safety Refund from ACCG includes two requests. The first request was for carpet in the Administration building and the Courthouse. The bids included those from Cleveland Carpets at a cost of \$20,571.82; Doyle's Flooring at a cost of \$13,813.00; and Zebulon Flooring at a cost of \$22,292.21. The Staff recommended the low bid from Doyle's Flooring. Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the low bid from Doyle's Flooring at a cost of \$13,813.00 and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The second request was for Automated External Defibrillators (AED) units that are needed for seven County buildings. The bids included AEP Superstore for a cost of \$7,428.40; American AED for a cost of \$8,358.00; Phillips Heartsmart for a cost of \$7,105.00. Fire Chief Matthews recommended the bid from Phillips Heartsmart. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the low bid from Phillips Heartsmart for a cost of \$7,105.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Air Condition Bid for the Courthouse

The board reviewed one bid for 3 Heating and Cooling units for the Courthouse that was received in the form of a sealed bid. The bid for \$15,000.00 was received from Central Georgia Heating and Cooling, Inc. and was the staff's recommendation for approval. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the sole bid from Central Georgia Heating and Cooling, Inc. and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XIII. Fire Equipment

The board reviewed three bids for fire equipment for the new fire truck. The bids included TEN 8 for a cost of \$11,537.09; Fireline for a cost of \$ 13,022.75; and MES, who did not meet the requirements. The staff recommendation was to approve the lowest bid from TEN 8. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the low bid from TEN 8 for a cost of \$11,537.09. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The board also reviewed a quote from Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply for GFARS Demo Homatro for a cost of \$10,963.70 which is valued over \$30,000.00. Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the GFARS Demo Homatro for a cost of \$10,963.70. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XIV. Surplus Fire Truck

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the surplus request for a 1982 Fire Truck belonging to the County with the Vin# 1FDWR80CVA51003. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XV. Towaliga Circuit Court Budget

Chairman Glass presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Towaliga Circuit Court Budget. He stated that the split among the Judges, District Attorney, the Public Defender and the Juvenile Judge for Butts County is 36%; for Lamar County it is 23%; for Monroe County it is 41%. The total budgeted amount for all three circuits is \$ 1,678,093.15. For Fiscal Year 2020, this funds all of the requests except for some of the funds under the Public Defender. It does not fund \$105,196.10 for an additional attorney. It does not fund the \$6,000 supplement increase (nor the \$459.00 FICA for that increase). It does not fund the \$16,000.00 rent that was previously budgeted. Monroe County will pay this directly. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the \$1,678,093.15 total budgeted amount for Fiscal Year 2020. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

XVI. Resolution 2019-06 Special Exception by Brian Abreu

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 Special Exception by Brian Abreu with the following conditions. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The

motion was approved unanimously.

(a) to limit the number of guests at an event to 200;

(b) to cease the use of amplified sound and music at 9:00 p.m., and to limit the end time of events to 10:00 p.m.;

(c) to limit the number of events per month to 10;

(d) to maintain the existing buffer of hardwood trees around the property and supplement with new hardwoods as needed due to damage or disease;

(e) to discontinue use of the property for fee-based events if found guilty by any court authority of any violations of these conditions, or of any local, state or federal regulations pertaining to this business.

XVII. Ordinance 2019-07 2nd Reading Posting of Numerals for New Construction Homes

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-07 Posting of Numerals for New Construction Homes adding, “New construction homes are required to have light reflective house number signs measuring 12 inches in width by 6 inches in height with numerals between 3¾ and 4 inches in height mounted in their road side yard within 20 feet of the driveway entrance before a certificate of occupancy is issued; provided, however, that 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.” Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Ordinance 2019-08 2nd Reading Specification for Roads

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the second 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(1)(5) in its entirety. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIX. Ordinance 2019-09 2nd Reading Amending the Zoning Ordinance for Lamar County

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

XX. Administrator’s Report

There was no Administrator’s Report given.

XXI. Round Table

Chairman Glass reported that the revenues were up and thanked the American Red Cross. Commissioner Horton thanked everyone for coming. Commissioner Thrash reported that the Milner City Council had approved a new Country Store located on the corner of Hwy 41 and

Zebulon Road. Commissioner Thrash thanked Chairman Glass for the work that he does for the American Red Cross including his work with the blood drive.

XXI. Adjournment and Executive Session

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel at approximately 8:09 p.m. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 8:36 p.m. Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:39 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