

**Special Called Meeting Minutes**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M**

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

Chairman Glass called the Special Called meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was for the board to approve and/or acknowledge the resolutions for the millage rates of Lamar County.

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

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-09 setting the Lamar County Board of Commissioners millage rate of 13.157 mills for the 2019 tax year. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10 where the millage rate for Lamar County shall be reduced by 1.951 mills leaving a net millage rate of 13.157 for the 2019 tax year. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to acknowledge Resolution 2019-11 setting the Board of Education millage rate of 17.077 for the year 2019 tax year. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thrash inquired about having to approve the bond millage rate each year. Chairman Glass responded that the bond referendum states that if you impose a millage to pay back debt it has to be included as a Resolution because it has to be turned in to the Department of Revenue so that they know what is being collected.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to acknowledge Resolution 2019-12 setting the Bond millage rate for the Board of Education of 1.50 for 2019 tax year. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Glass introduced the 2019 Civic Health survey. He stated that six counties including, Bibb, Camden, Cook, Fayette, Stephens and Washington decided to do their own survey, at their own cost, beginning in 2013. He explained that the data set does not allow statistically significant information to be sorted out for Lamar County by itself. The Civic Health data has been presented in various training classes and conferences with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).

Commissioner Thrash stated that there is a house bill that has been introduced in Congress which is House Bill (H.R.838). She said that there are serious concerns about this bill and she is in contact

with Congressman Ferguson. This bill creates a task force that will deem people a danger to society. She said that she has concerns that it is a preamble to a gun control bill. Commissioner Thrash said that if she had to have someone deem her mentally ill, she would want it to be someone trained to do this and not the Secretary of Homeland Security. Commissioner Thrash requested that the board review the bill and give her feedback regarding their thoughts on the bill because she is actively opposing it. Commissioner Heiney said that H.R. 838 sets up a task force to create an actual structure where it ties together Federal, State, and local law enforcement, health professionals, NGO's (a nonprofit organization that operates independently of any government) to structure red flag laws. Commissioner Heiney said that if you oppose red flag laws, this bill is specifically designed to set them up nationally. He said that once it is setup, they make their own rules. They have no threshold and the people have no input. They talk to Congress once a year and it is basically another United States Federal Government structure that doesn't answer to the people at all. Commissioner Thrash said that this is a very dangerous bill and another tug at the people's freedom. She said that it is a serious bill and it turns on our constitutional rights. She said that there comes a point in time where we are no longer Republicans or Democrats and we are fighting for our constitutional rights in this Country.

Vice-Chairman Traylor announced that on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there would be a meeting at Gordon State College where Lamar County is hosting the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) task force. This is the monthly meeting. He stated that he would have goodies from Swint's candies, a newspaper from the Herald Gazette and other goodies from the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Horton reported that the Three Rivers Regional Commission is setting up a finance committee to evaluate and discuss the Transit System with the buses. The board discussed the fees for riding the bus. County Clerk Davidson stated that it cost \$2.00 to ride the bus and that there may be a reduced cost if one can't afford to ride the bus. Commissioner Thrash was concerned about people who are riding the bus to get to work because they don't have transportation or they don't want to drive to work because it's cheaper for them to ride the bus. Commissioner Horton stated that he would check on this issue.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting to go into executive session at approximately 9:20 a.m. to discuss personnel. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session at approximately 9:30 a.m. and Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, 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