

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
September 17th, 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. Commissioner Horton gave the invocation.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to recess the Regular Business meeting for a Public Hearing regarding Subdivision App # 2019-02 by Bowen Jones. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting

The board reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:12 p.m.

V. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Audit and the SPLOST II Project list. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Meeting-August 13th, 2019
- ii. Public Hearing Meeting-August 13th, 2019
- iii. Public Hearing Meeting August 20th, 2019
- iv. Public Hearing Meeting August 20th, 2019
- v. Regular Business Meeting-August 20th, 2019
- vi. Special Called Meeting-July August 30th, 2019

VII. Dan Morgan 5G Upgrade

Mr. Dan Morgan addressed the board with his concerns related to the 5G Upgrade. He stated that he had received information from experts on 5G and the internet. This information was handed out to all of the board. He said that they changed speakers every day and he took notes from 30 to 42 speakers both night and day. He said that 4G is going out with 5G and 4G has caused enough damage. He said that cellphones cause a chemical released from brain called dopamine. He said that the brain makes new cells inside the brain and the brain creates active denial cells and when the brain makes these new cells it causes people to build walls against information. He said that because of what 4G has done to society the brain doesn't want to hear it. Mr. Morgan said he knew a neurologist, who was on his death bed, and gave him this information. Mr. Morgan said that on his death bed he spoke about active denial, dopamine, and the 4G. Mr. Morgan said that we are mankind and not everyone is mankind. He said that he is because he is flesh and blood. Mr. Morgan said that he has an enemy that is not flesh and blood. He said that it has been trying to destroy him since he was born. He said that what we have is a military weapon called the "Active Denial System". He said that the "Active Denial System" is a frequency and when used at 700 yards makes the recipient feel as though their skin is on fire. Mr. Morgan stated that frequencies are used against mankind and since 1990 they are the cause for 36 different diseases including Autism, Alzheimer's, and Fibromyalgia. He said that people over many decades have become disconnected with spirituality and nature including going out in the woods and parks and other places. He said that if 5G comes there is no place on earth where you won't be radiated or free from radiation. He said that we have an enemy and the John Birch society has been fighting this enemy since 1958. He said that the founder of the John Birch Society had a motto, "Truth is our only Weapon". Mr. Morgan said that truth and education is our only weapon. He said that the John Birch Society celebrated their 60th anniversary last year. He said that his parents were coordinators for the John Birch Society. He said they were against Socialism and Communism. Mr. Morgan said he wrote a song in honor of his mother and father. He said that he watched his parents speak to small groups of people and sometimes there may not be but just 3 to 4 people in the room. He spoke about his father resigning from Lockheed Martin and going to work for the John Birch Society. Mr. Morgan said that his father had a very good job and what is money without a Country. He said that we have a President who is trying to merge us with Mexico and Canada. He said that we are on the verge of loosing our nation and you don't hear anything about it on the news. He said that the news doesn't want you to know that but they want you to know who broke their leg playing football for the Baltimore Colts. Mr. Morgan said that is just more worthless information. Mr. Morgan said that the council on foreign relations is all of the news media and all of the Hollywood people. They are all of the people who work to keep America stupid. Mr. Morgan said he didn't mean to be insulting but it is time for people to realize that freedom is fragile and we are the last vote; the end of the road. We are the last frontier.

Mr. Morgan said that his thing is music and he has been in music all his life and when he tunes his guitar the pitch is at 440 frequency. He said that this is not our frequency because it is really 432. He said 440 frequency does things to your body. It scrambles up your molecules and causes your body to break down your DNA and you can get diseases. He said that everything is broad cast in 440. Mr. Morgan spoke about the Greeks and how they changed the frequency from 432 to 440 and that it was a good pulse for war. He said that they figured out that a 440 frequency makes people stupid. Mr. Morgan spoke about cell towers and said that they aren't for cellphones but they are for aiming radioactive frequencies at mankind. Mr. Morgan requested that all of the cell towers be removed out of Barnesville, Georgia. He said that

devices need to be removed from the new high school and away from the kids because the kids are being radiated by using W-Fi eight hours a day. He said that the wireless mouse, the cellphone and the computers are all designed for our destruction. He said that they could have been used for good but they weren't. He said that we have to be the generation where we say it stops here.

Mr. Morgan said that we have a King named Jesus and a prophecy of divine intervention. Mr. Morgan said that he chooses Jesus. He said that this is our solution. Mr. Morgan said that he plays a harmonica but he can't play it anymore because it is not in tune. Mr. Morgan said that they control counties by making it not rain and with weather warfare and the heart machine. They use technology to work against us. He said that they have been doing it for years. He said that in Alaska they have 600 radio antennas. They are aimed up or down and they move clouds around by heating the atmosphere. Mr. Morgan said they control the weather and they have been doing this for a long time. Mr. Morgan said that the good news is that we have a King and a solution is coming. He quoted scripture about rain from the book of Joel in the King James version of the Bible. Mr. Morgan said that an intervention is coming whether people believe the Bible or not. He said that the Lord is going to intervene and you want to be on the right side of the fence when this happens. He said that in the book of Joel, Chapter Two of the King James version of the Bible, the Lord is jealous for his land because America is God's land. Mr. Morgan says that a majority of American's believe in God and know Jesus. He said that other countries hate Americans and quoted scripture from the book of Psalms, Chapter 67 of the King James version of the Bible. "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us." Mr. Morgan said that as believers we need to stop what is going on with the radio activity and everything else that is aimed against us.

VIII. Board Appointment-Tax Assessor Board -Resignation of Tammy Cannon

Chairman Glass announced that Tammy Cannon had resigned from the Tax Assessors Board and requested that the citizens contact the board or the Administration office if they know of anyone that would like to fill this position.

IX. Ms. Brenda Joyce Farmer-Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Exemption Refund

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the disabled veteran homestead tax exemption refund for Brenda Joyce Capps Farmer on the advice of the County attorney and the State. The County portion of the refund for 2017 is \$693.13 and the County portion for 2018 is \$770.89. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Subdivision App # 2019-02 by Bowen Jones

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Subdivision App # 2019-02 by Bowen Jones and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Second Reading Ordinance 2019-12 Hotel-Motel Excise Tax

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-12 Hotel-Motel Excise Tax and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Second Reading Ordinance 2019-13 Alcohol Ordinance

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-03 Alcohol Ordinance until the definition of ‘beer’ can be defined separately from ‘malt beverage’ and the word ‘nudity’ could be defined more in depth based on concerns from the Sheriff of Lamar County. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Alcohol Fees

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to table the new alcohol fee schedule due to tabling Ordinance 2019-13 Alcohol Ordinance. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. E&R Summary-Tax Commissioner

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Charge on/ Charge off digest submitted on behalf of the Tax Commissioner. The total charge on/charge off reviewed was from July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2018 and July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019. The total Charge on/Charge off difference for all entities is \$30,137.71. The County’s portion is \$12,977.41. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. Bid Approval for County Wide Copiers

County Administrator Townsend reported on the bids for replacing the copiers County wide. He stated that six bids had been received. The current contract with Athena ends on September 30th with a buyout of \$22,000.00 for the equipment. County Administrator Townsend stated that buying the copiers from Sharp will reduce the operating budget for the next 60 months. The contract with Sharp will begin on October 1st, 2019. The recommendation from the staff was narrowed down to the three bids that were received. Sharp for a cost of \$1,339.46; Standard Office for a cost of \$1,325.00 and GDP technologies for a cost of \$1,414.45. County Administrator Townsend stated that the staff recommended leasing the copiers from Sharp since the purchased price of \$67,510.00 was lower than the other six copier bids and the maintenance fees are lower than the Standard Office System. The lease price for the copiers from Sharp is \$80,367.60 and the purchase price is \$67,510 with a total savings of \$12,857.60. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the low bid from Sharp and purchase the copiers County wide for a cost of \$67,510.00. The warranty is for a 5-year performance agreement. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Bid Approval for the Paving of Eady Creek Road

County Administrator Townsend reported that three bids had been received for the paving of Eady Creek Road. Michael's Asphalt for a cost of \$ 12,800.00; Barnes Striping for a cost of \$13,650.00; Quality Paving for a cost of \$17,500.00. County Administrator Townsend reported that Michael's Asphalt's bid is 37% lower than the local contractor. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the low bid with Michael's Paving for a cost of \$12,800.00 and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Bid Rejection for Liberty Hill Park Phase I

Chairman Glass reported that the bids for the Liberty Hill Park on Hwy 36 for the decal lanes were more than the County could afford and the recommendation was to reject all bids. Piedmont Paving submitted a bid of \$1,388,601.25 and Blount Construction submitted a bid for \$1,424,010.95. Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the rejection of all bids and Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Audit-SPLOST II Project List

Chairman Glass stated that the SPLOST II project listed on the ballot included a project for fire enhancement and the original plan was to buy fire hydrants. When the Water Authority was transferred to the City, the money wasn't used to buy the fire hydrants and instead they bought two fire trucks. The County will need to spend \$50,000.00 for fire protection to close out the SPLOST II project. Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve a list submitted from Fire Chief Matthews in the amount of \$50,017.96. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIX. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townend reported that everything is on schedule. He said that the revenues are still short by \$46,000.00 due to the increase in the health insurance. He said that this is throwing the cash flow off. County Administrator Townsend said that he and County Clerk Davidson had been closely tracking the funds over the last three years and that the County has been lucky not to have had any major events that caused the County to have to spend anything extra. Chairman Glass thanked them both for managing the finances and making it through when things get tight.

XX. Public Comments

Mrs. Angie Wellbrook from 789 Veterans Parkway and the owner of Mama's Kitchen in Barnesville, Ga. addressed the board. She said that she has been in the community for over 10 years and that they give back to the community. She said that they have a business license and they have inspections. She said that over the past year they have repeatedly seen the same person selling barbeque in the Roses parking lot inside the City limits She said that it was determined that he was not property permitted to be there. She said that then it moved into the Lamar County jurisdiction. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that her husband checked on this and he was told that he was given a permit to sell barbeque. He was set up inside the County and the permit was issued so that he could raise funds three times per year. She said that he was there on

March 23rd, April 13th, April 20th and September 7th. Mrs. Wellbrook said that she took pictures for her own documentation. She said that he has been setting up at 107 Yatesville Road which used to be Davis Cooper Ford. Mrs. Wellbrook said that he also has sold barbeque during the Peaches to Beaches weekend and the Pecan Festival in Milner. Mrs. Wellbrook said that she confronted him about selling barbeque on September 7th and she called the Sheriff's Office about this. Mrs. Wellbrook said that the seller of the barbeque told her that he was very aware of what was taking place and he was very aware of the situation. Mrs. Wellbrook said that he told her he was going to file criminal trespass and harassment charges against her because she was on private property. Mrs. Wellbrook said that she checked on his permit and found out he was given an open-ended business license where he can setup as many times as he wants. Mrs. Wellbrook said that when she and her husband went to get a copy of the business license they spoke to Building and Zoning Director Buice and she told her that she didn't know anything about it since she was new to the County because the people before her had retired. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that when Building and Zoning Director Buice pulled the permit it was determined that he was not a regular business. He is setting up as a non-profit organization. Mrs. Wellbrook said that they had no idea about this. She said that all they knew was that someone else was selling barbeque on the side of the road. Mrs. Wellbrook said that they still should have to be permitted.

Commissioner Thrash inquired about him having a 501c3. Mrs. Wellbrook replied that they were never allowed to see his business license. Mrs. Wellbrook said that as a regular business they have to go through the Health Department and they have to have inspections, licenses and they have to pay taxes. Mrs. Wellbrook said that her husband went and spoke to former County Administrator Zellner and he was told one thing and she was not there during that conversation. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that she does know that he received a full business license to operate as Ray Holloway of 243 Lindsey Drive, Barnesville, Georgia and 107 Yatesville Road for cooking at the premises and he is in the middle of a parking lot. Mrs. Wellbrook said that she and her husband have voiced their concerns to Vice-Chairman Traylor and Building and Zoning Director Buice. Building and Zoning Director Buice found out that he is operating as a non-profit. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that after she left the Building and Zoning office, she went to the home of Dean Davis at 125 Stafford Avenue, the owner of 107 Yatesville Road. He told her that he didn't know about a Ray Holloway selling barbeque on his property. She said he told her that he did know that Simmons Diesel Performance was located on his property but said that Mr. Davis told her he did not have permission to sublet his property. Mrs. Wellbrook said that he is taking business from them and every other business in Barnesville. Mrs. Wellbrook said that according to the Health Department, Mr. Holloway can sell barbeque for 120 hours consecutively and do business in Lamar County without having to be inspected.

Commissioner Thrash inquired about the revenues. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that they are supposed to be going to Midway CME church and she feels like Mr. Holloway has presented all of his information to the Health Department so he can get a business license. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that there isn't a lot that can be done until his business license runs out at the end of the year unless Mr. Davis tells Mr. Holloway that he is trespassing and doesn't let him setup on the property the rest of the year. Mrs. Wellbrook said that she would like for anyone going forward who is acting as a non-profit, be it a church or anyone on their property, or the girl scouts, the football clubs, or anyone else like this to have a permit. She said that they should be able to obtain a permit and not a business license to fund raise on certain dates. If

they are given an open-ended time from January to December to fund raise, that means they can setup anytime they want to in this County. Mrs. Wellbrook said that the permit should specify a time period when someone can fund raise. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that their revenue was down by 20 percent last Saturday when Mr. Holloway was selling barbeque. Mrs. Wellbrook stated that if the girl scouts sold cookies week after week as a non-profit and setup at the doughnut shop then they would have the same complaint and the County would lose revenue.

Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that a county business license is for revenue generation only. She said that if it is zoned commercial, she will accept the \$70.00 fee. She said that attached to their business license is a letter from the deacon board and it states that they are receiving revenue. Ms. Buice said that Mr. Holloway uses the church's tax-exempt number. She said that it is an 8-member church and they met on the 2nd and 4th Saturday. She said that Mr. Holloway was very nice when he presented this information.

The County has an occupational tax permit, and there is a section in the code for a peddlers and transient permit and this type of business may be better suited under one of those permits. Vice-Chairman Traylor asked if this type of permit defines the time period. Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that it did not and said there is nothing in place to verify the address of the location. Mrs. Wellbrook said that they had to get a letter from the property owner when they were first setting up their business to use their property. She said that they also went to the County office and pulled the deed and the plat to submit with their paperwork when getting a business license. Mrs. Wellbrook then began questioning the intentions of Mr. Holloway and how he is selling barbeque. She asked if it was for the church, with the church, or of the church. She said that the business license is listed as Ray Holloway and it doesn't reference the church nor does it state that he is fund raising for the church. She said that he is just someone setting up on the side of the road selling barbeque.

Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that the business license isn't based on this. He is inspected through the Health Department and this determines whether he is non-profit or not and where his money is going is not a concern for his occupational tax permit. Mrs. Wellbrook said that there is no signage anywhere that says Mr. Holloway is representing a church. Commissioner Heiney inquired about the sales tax and Building and Zoning Director Buice replied that they have their tax-exempt number. Commissioner Thrash stated that it should be a concern for the Tax Assessor or Tax Commissioner because even a 501c3 gets audited. Mrs. Wellbrook said that people don't need to fund raise week after week and if they do, they should do it on their own property and she approves of people having their own business.

Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that there are several issues going on. The first issue in question is the legitimacy of the 501c3 and the tax-exempt number that is being used. Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that that issue wouldn't be decided tonight and she said that she didn't need authorization to look into that issue. The other issue that is being proposed is that any fund-raising activity in Lamar County be limited across the board to no more than three to four times a year. She said that every entity that does any type of fund raising can only do it three or four times a year. Commissioner Thrash stated that this is opening a huge can of worms because this includes schools. Mrs. Wellbrook said that if she had a car

wash next to United Bank and every time she turned around there is a car wash fund raiser. She said that the car wash wouldn't need to be in business. Commissioner Horton said he agreed and said that they need to look into this because if Mrs. Wellbrook is paying taxes and Mr. Holloway is not, this issue needs to be looked into.

Chairman Glass and Vice-Chairman Traylor and the board addressed Mrs. Wellbrook and Building and Zoning Director Buice and stated that they need to look at the code and that they may need to alter the code for the future. Commissioner Thrash announced that County Administrator Townsend found a Facebook page where Mr. Holloway announced that he would be cooking barbeque at 107 Yatesville Road this upcoming Saturday. Mrs. Wellbrook again stated that Mr. Holloway isn't advertising and asked who he is raising money for when he is selling his barbeque because he has his business advertised on Facebook for "Ray Ray's Awesome BBQ". She said that he doesn't state that he is raising money for a church.

Ashley Gilles of 425 Abbott Road announced that the Republican and Democratic party would be joining together and hosting a Candidate Forum in Milner. It will be held October 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Milner Library. They are asking that all questions be submitted with or without your name to City Hall or to either moderator through Facebook private messenger to Ashley Giles, Republican Chair or Lynn Hadaway, Democratic Chair. The questions will be organized by topic or issue in an effort to use the time effectively.

XX. Round Table

Commissioner Horton invited everyone to support the annual Buggy Days festival. He said that his band would be playing from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. and that there would be good music and fireworks to enjoy.

Vice-Chairman Traylor thanked everyone for coming out and said that Walter Geiger with the Barnesville Herald Gazette does a great job with the news. He said that the citizens need to hear what is going on and continue to share news. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that usually people leave during the meeting but he noticed that people stayed through the end of this meeting.

XXI. Adjournment

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:42 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: _____ County Clerk Davidson