

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Traylor, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson. Commissioner Thrash joined the meeting remotely.

Mr. Dan Morgan addressed the board with his concerns regarding 5G. Mr. Morgan stated that experts are saying the world and the entire planet is going to 5G and that the world has lost the spiritual connection and all creation around us. It has been replaced with technology. He said that even the food we are eating is related to technology throughout the generations. He said that nature and spiritual healing of the planet is becoming an enemy to mankind. He said that technology could have been made safe but it wasn't. Mr. Morgan stated that Wi-Fi is what is wrong in the world today and said that consequently, since 1990, there has been an increase in world diseases and it has increased more than 4 times in the last 3 decades. He reported that frequencies against us break down the cellular DNA of mankind and that the progressive deterioration that is shared is the common link with the diseases that are destroying our species. Mr. Morgan stated that statistics show an increase in Alzheimer's, Autism, Fibromyalgia, Bi-Polar, and other diseases. He said that the wireless industry should not be left to govern themselves because they are silent weapons for quiet wars. He said that they are killing us with their frequencies. He said that the 442 megahertz used to be 432 megahertz. Mr. Morgan said that he plays a harmonica and it is now out of tune.

Mr. Morgan stated that his father left Lockheed Martin and joined the John Birch Society. He said that after a trip to France his parents didn't understand why the French hated the Americans. Mr. Morgan said that when God gave the Lord power in heaven, on the earth and under the earth. Mr. Morgan spoke about the Secret Shadow Government and stated that it is a big lie. He said that Jesus is King of the Earth whether they believe it or not and everything in creation belongs to him. He is the King and his power is greater than anything that is in this world. God says your blood is precious. Mr. Morgan requested that the board not allow them to roll 5G into Barnesville and requested that they take down all of the cell towers and wi-fi. Mr. Morgan requested that Barnesville be the City that takes down all of the wireless "stuff" and kicks them out of the County. Mr. Morgan stated that the weather meteorologists are worried about damaged frequencies and the temperature of the water in the ocean. He said that this is a drop in the bucket compared to what they need to worry about. Mr. Morgan quoted Luke 17:25 "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation" and then Luke 21:35-36 "But watch yourselves, or your hearts will be weighed down by dissipation, drunkenness, and the worries of life and that day will spring upon you suddenly like a snare. So, keep watch at all times, and pray that you may have the strength to escape all that is about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man." Mr. Morgan stated that the snare is 5G and that he believes that it shall come upon the entire earth. He said that he believes in divine intervention and that all power in heaven and earth belong to Jesus.

Mr. Morgan said that he has been writing songs for over 11 years and spoke about the the six tones of creation and God's healing frequencies. He said that there are healing things that need to come on our children and onto the world. He said that the "Day of the Lord" is the worst day but the "Day of Jesus Christ" is when all nations will come together. Mr. Morgan spoke about alternatives that defeat radiation such as herbs. Mr. Morgan said that we have been assaulted. Mr. Morgan concluded by saying that the industry had the knowledge and they did it anyway and the charge is assault.

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to table the discussion of the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Authority Financial Records. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Traylor abstained from the vote. The vote passed 3-1.

The board heard comments regarding the Buggy Days Street Dance and the sale of alcohol on the Ag Arena property. Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that Honeywood farms is the vendor for the event and said that she would get with Honeywood farms to make sure they have the correct alcohol licenses and permits.

Building and Zoning Director Buice presented to the board information regarding a minor subdivision request for property located at the corner of Ethridge Mill and Martin Dairy Roads. She stated that this includes 1800 to 2000 square ft. homes and said that the Planning Board recommended approval.

### **Regular Meeting Discussion**

The board discussed the Regular Meeting agenda for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- 1) The board reviewed the Public Hearing for a minor subdivision request for property located at the corner of Ethridge Mill and Martin Dairy Roads.
- 2) The board reviewed and added to the agenda 6 sets of minutes.
- 3) The board discussed adding Dan Morgan to the agenda to discuss 5G.
- 4) The board reviewed and added to the agenda Ms. Brenda Joyce Farmer who is requesting a disabled veteran homestead tax exemption refund.
- 5) The board reviewed and added to the agenda the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2019-12 Hotel-Motel Excise Tax.
- 6) The board reviewed and added to the agenda the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2019-13 Alcohol Beverage Ordinance.

The board reviewed and added to the agenda a new fee schedule for alcohol fees. The application fee is currently \$100.00 and the proposed fee is \$150.00. The fee for a malt beverage pouring and/or by the package license is currently \$500.00. The proposed fee for a malt beverage pouring and/or by the package license is \$750.00. The fee for wine by the package and a wine pouring license is currently \$500.00. The proposed fee for a wine pouring license is \$750.00. The farm winery, and/or a brewery license is proposed at \$500.00. The proposed fee for a brew pub license is \$250.00. The license for catered events is currently \$100.00 and the proposed fee is set at \$50.00 instead of the current fee of \$100.00 because this fee is set by the State. The proposed fee for a

manufacturer and/or a wholesale/distributor license is \$1,000.00. Building and Zoning Administrator Buice reported that currently the beer and wine licenses have been charged a flat \$500.00 fee for all licenses. The new fee schedule will allow for each of these licenses to be purchased separately according to the current or proposed fee schedule. Chairman Glass stated that Sheriff White was concerned with the definition of beer and the term nudity. Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that the term came from the State definitions but said she would bring this to the attention of the County attorney.

- 7) The board reviewed and added to the agenda the E&R Summary for 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 around \$13,000.00.
- 8) The board reviewed and added to the agenda the bid for the County wide copiers. County Administrator Townsend presented six companies; Tri-Copy, Ricoh, Sharp, GDP Technologies, Athena and Standard Office Systems. County Administrator Townsend shared with the board the difference between the purchase price and the total amount of a lease purchase price. The recommendation from the staff was narrowed down to three bids that were received. Sharp for a cost of \$1,339.46, Standard Office Systems for a cost of \$1,325.00, and GDP technologies for a cost of \$1,41.45. 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 maintenance fee for Standard Operating System is listed at .0043 for black and white and .045 for color. The maintenance fee for Sharp is .0041 for black and white and .040 for color. The warranty is for a period of 5 years and buying the copiers from Sharp will reduce the operating budget for the next 60 months. The lease price for the copiers for Sharp is \$80,367.60 and the purchase price is \$67,510 with a total savings of \$12,857.60. County Administrator Townsend requested that the monies for the copiers be taken out of the contingency line item to buy the copiers and then next year the operating cost will only be for the copies and the maintenance agreement will be a lot lower. This includes the monthly price for the copies. The current lease agreement with Athena ends on September 30th. County Administrator Townsend stated that he had already sent a letter to Athena. County Administrator Townsend stated that the County had been in the lease agreement with Athena for the last eight years but it was actually renewed for another five years. He said that some of the copiers were having issues. Commissioner Thrash inquired if all of the copiers would be under the same umbrella; the same copier company. County Administrator Townsend stated that all of the Departments and the Constitutional Officers were on board with the change except for the Sheriff's Office. He said that the Sheriff's Office is happy with Athena because they had been with them for a long period of time but said their agreement also ends September 30th. Chairman Glass stated that the plan is for the entire County to be under the same copier system agreement. County Administrator Townsend stated that the staff recommendation is for Sharp.
- 9) The board reviewed and added to the agenda a bid from Michael's Paving for a cost of \$12,800.00 for the paving of Eady Creek Road. He stated that Public Works Director Rigdon is working on getting two more bids. Vice-Chairman Traylor requested that County Administrator Townsend find out how much logging will be done on Eady Creek Road. Commissioner Thrash reported that there is an application for 900 acres that will be clear cut but said he hasn't started because Jordan Lumber is limiting the radius size of the logs.

Commissioner Thrash stated that according to Public Works Director Rigdon, there are two places that need to be fixed or they will lose that portion of the road. Chairman Glass inquired about other roads that need to be fixed and Commissioner Thrash stated that there are other roads such as Silver Dollar that need to be fixed as well but in her district the spot on Eady Creek Road is a very dangerous situation.

### **Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Townsend presented an Administrator's Report. He said that the County Audit shows that Jackie Newburg with the Georgia Department of Audits has been discussing the SPLOST II issue whereby the Fire Department is due \$50,000.00 for fire protection from the SPLOST II account. Chief Matthews came up with a list of items that could be included that totaled \$50,017.96. County Administrator Townsend explained that the equipment was never purchased out of the SPLOST II line item and in order to close SPLOST II out purchases for fire protection has to be shown as purchased. County Administrator Townsend stated that there was equipment purchased for the new Fire Trucks but it was purchased out of the General Fund. The Georgia Department of Revenue is requiring that fire protection equipment be purchased out of SPLOST II before it can be officially closed. Chairman Glass inquired about what could be done if they don't spend this money. County Administrator Townsend stated nothing would be done but it is all about the reporting and he doesn't want any questions asked for the next SPLOST. County Administrator Townsend said he would like for this to be approved by the board and spent in 2019 so that it can be closed out. There was discussion about getting another auditor's opinion about this issue. Chairman Glass said that he would speak to the County attorney about it.

The board reviewed and added to the agenda the bid rejection for Liberty Hill Park Phase I. County Administrator Townsend stated that the recommendation from the staff is to reject the bid from Blount Construction and Piedmont Paving. He said that the Georgia Department of Transportation is requesting that the project be scaled back. They would just do the left hand decel lane with a two-lane entrance into the park. County Administrator Townsend said that he requested a cost from Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood (GMC) on the scaled back project and to re-draw the project back out would cost \$2,500.00. To advertise and bid it back out would cost \$5,000.00. He said that they discussed taking the rock clause out of the bid. The cost for the road project would be \$875,000.00. County Administrator Townsend stated that some of the road project funds for the park could be spent out of SPLOST funds. County Administrator Townsend stated that he had spoken to the County attorney about doing this and he agreed that it would be okay. Commissioner Thrash suggested that they have the GDOT put in a roundabout at High Falls Park Road and take the exit from the park off the roundabout. She said that if GDOT does this then it eliminates the County's expense and then extends the turn lane off the roundabout. She said that they do have the cemetery to consider but a roundabout would slow people down. Chairman Glass stated that they don't have the geography to handle it because of the cemetery but wondered if there might be a way to come in further north. He said that Vulcan owns that property but if they could come alongside the back of the park as an entrance that might work. They would need to get an easement from Vulcan. Chairman Glass stated that he didn't know what that would mean for the decel lanes or turn lanes on Hwy 36.

### **Other Discussion**

Chairman Glass reported that the transportation bus contract is ending and they are going with a new company on Monday. He said that this was done under duress because they couldn't work it out to continue with the current contractor but said that nothing is changing with the services. Chairman Glass said that there may be a few glitches because it is a new company and he said that there may be some phone calls about this to the board. Chairman Glass requested that the calls be referred back to him or County Administrator Townsend. Commissioner Horton reported that they would have a Three Rivers Regional Commission meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the transportation services.

The board discussed the appointment for the Tax Assessors board, due to the resignation of Tammy Cannon. Chairman Glass requested that they look for someone to replace Ms. Cannon and requested that they place it on the agenda.

Mr. Morgan addressed the board and said that there are 51 antennas' in a three-mile radius according to antenna search.com. Mr. Morgan asked if the board knew anything about them. He then asked if anyone had a King James version of the Bible. He said that the scripture about divine intervention comes from the red lettered addition of the King James version of the Bible and the one he uses, studies and believes to be the most accurate. Mr. Morgan said that there aren't problems but solutions and it is up to the lawmakers to do the right thing. He requested that the board investigate the assault that everyone has been placed under.

### **Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Traylor reported that the owners of Mama's Kitchen are concerned about a non-profit organization selling barbeque at the old Davis Cooper Ford. Vice-Chairman Traylor stated that they have contacted him every day about this issue. He said that Building and Zoning Director Buice has done a phonemical job with this issue and she has not shared her opinion but rather researched all of the facts. She has talked to both parties involved and they have mentioned about attending the meeting on Tuesday. The owner of the barbeque place is stating that they are non-profit and he has a tax id number from the church. Vice-Chairman Traylor stated that based on the law a percentage of the proceeds is going back to the church. Building and Zoning Director Buice stated that the church has provided a letter to her stating that this is in conjunction with the church. They received a business license back in February. Commissioner Thrash stated that this sounds like the organizations that are wanting to have special events, and operate under agritourism so they don't have to purchase a business license or pay taxes. Chairman Glass said that the barbeque place can't qualify for agritourism because they are located on a commercial site. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that the only current issue with the barbeque place that hasn't been resolved is with the address of the location. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that they now have to produce a letter of permission from the landowner.

Commissioner Horton addressed Mr. Morgan and asked him if he was referring to the government when he used the term "they". Mr. Morgan replied that he was referring to the "wireless industry". Mr. Morgan stated that the lawmakers are making bad decision and they are affecting the children and the entire world. Mr. Morgan said that the decisions are supposed to be regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He said that the FCC hasn't done a study on radiation since the 1980's. Mr. Morgan said that he is distressed and he has been since he found

out about the 432 frequency two years ago. Mr. Morgan said that the renegade politicians working against us both in Washington and at the State and Local level where there are elected officials who need to be brought to accountability. Commissioner Horton stated that they are elected officials who represent all the people. Commissioner Horton said that if the ship ever sunk then everyone will drown together. Mr. Morgan said that if the people and the churches realized the date and time in which they lived when Jesus Christ was in the temple of Jerusalem, they would have treated Jesus a lot different then what they did. Mr. Morgan stated that the day and time in which we live is prophesized in the book of Joel.

Commissioner Heiney thanked Mr. Morgan for his presentation and said that there are two facts known about 5G. One it will revolutionize our system and the other one is that it is extremely fast and will allow for self-driving cars. There are a lot of promoters behind 5G and they will profit from this. Commissioner Heiney stated that there is a lot of data to support that we will be radiated by these waves. There will be antennas every 10 ft or every three houses and you will be constantly bombarded by radiation and there could be some significant health deterioration from this. Commissioner Heiney said that he doesn't anticipate having 5G in Barnesville anytime soon. He said that it will hit the major cities first. Mr. Morgan stated that he believes that 4G needs to be eliminated too because they are addictive and they are not safe for any of us.

County Administrator Townsend announced that Michele Stuart with the Senior Center had resigned due to a better opportunity. County Administrator Townsend stated that he also wants to create an Accounting/Finance department. He said that both Martha Windle and Baleigh Burkett passed their accounting test this past week after attending their first accounting classes. County Administrator Townsend also said he wants to create a Maintenance Department combining Maintenance, Recreation Maintenance and Public Works Maintenance together. He said that Director Rigdon would be over the Recreation Maintenance Department, the Maintenance Department and Public Works Maintenance. County Administrator Townsend announced that he is working to replace the current lawn care maintenance contract by utilizing the newly created in-house Maintenance Department.

Chairman Glass gave an update on the Industrial Development Authority (IDA). He said that there was a regional meeting with the State that bring projects to this area. He said there were 13 people that met with 5 counties. He said that if you don't have a building it is tough to get anyone to look at anything in your County or community. He said that currently, Lamar County doesn't have a spec building available of any size. He said that the best property is Legacy across from Piedmont Green Power. He said that they are preparing a pad site in that place. He said that they can push some dirt around and get it ready to pour concrete on it and this can be done with both the City and the County without much expense. He said that they are also looking at private partners who might be interested in looking at a spec building. Chairman Glass stated that workforce is still a concern regarding the types of business that they could get. He said that the wing at the new High School that is devoted to the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) is fantastic and almost all of kids in the high school will be going through some type of pathway. They will come out of high school with marketable skills.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Heiney 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