

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
October 15th, 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. The invocation was given by Terry Holcomb with Williams Westbury Funeral Home.

III. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Horton made a motion to recess the Regular Business meeting for a Public Hearing regarding fee schedule for Occupation Tax Permits. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The board reconvened the Regular Business meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

V. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Meeting-September 12th, 2019
- ii. Public Hearing Meeting-September 17th, 2019
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-September 17th, 2019

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

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve the resignation of Tammy Cannon serving on the Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Resolution 2019-13-Appointment of Jere Moore

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve the appointment of Jere Moore to the Tax Assessors Board replacing the unexpired term of Tammy Cannon. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Second Reading Ordinance 2019-13 Alcohol Ordinance

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the Second reading of Ordinance 2019-03 Alcohol Ordinance. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Alcohol Fee Schedule

Building and Zoning Director Buice presented the new alcohol fee schedule. The application fee is currently \$100.00 and the proposed fee is \$150.00. The renewal fee is \$100.00 and the proposed fee is \$150.00. The fee for a malt beverage by the package license is currently \$500.00. The proposed fee for a malt beverage by the package license is \$500.00. The fee for a malt beverage pouring license is currently \$500.00. The proposed fee for a malt beverage 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. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Alcohol Fee Schedule and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. First Reading Ordinance 2019-14 Occupation Tax

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-14 Occupation Tax and Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. First Reading Ordinance 2019-15-Peddlers Transient Selling

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15 Peddlers/Transient Selling. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Lamar County Division of Family and Children Service-Budget Request

Commissioner Thrash made a motion a request from the Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) requesting the usual allowed budget amount of \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2019. They also requested that they be allowed to keep any unused funds at the end of the fiscal year. These funds are used for children who are removed from their homes in the

middle of the night and they need cloths, or shoes before any monies can be retrieved from the State.

IX. LMIG Priority List of Roads

Commissioner Heiney approved a priority list of roads to be funded by the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) listed below. The first three roads listed were the top three priorities chosen by Public Works Director Rigdon for a cost of \$585,964.45. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Jackson Rd	36 Bypass- City Limits	10,800	2,325.89	\$ 209,746.20	Heiney
Crawford Rd	Johnstonville- Northridge	11,900	2,203.06	\$ 199,142.25	Horton
Chappel Mill Rd	Van Buran- High Fall Rd	9,850	1,960.14	\$ 177,076.00	Heiney
McCollum Road	Abbott- Country Kitchen	12,920	2,483.56	\$ 224,425.11	Traylor
Deerfield Trace	Fellowship- Dead End	2,665	729.67	\$ 65,770.20	Thrash
Rogers Circle	Cannafax - Warner	8,400	1,454.44	\$ 131,552.22	Traylor
Crawford Rd	Howards- Johnstonville	10,800	1,900.56	\$ 171,876.41	Horton
McLean Road	Etheridge Mill-County Line	11,420	2,391.89	\$ 215,991.78	Thrash
High Fall Rd	Hwy 36 - Chappell Mill	18,200	4,117.06	\$ 371,273.11	Heiney
Johnstonville Rd	City Limits- Brooks Rd	12,000	3,086.11	\$ 278,280.56	Horton
Five Points Rd	3500 FT Bad Area	5,500	1,084.72	\$ 97,999.37	Thrash
Berry Road	Cannafax - Williams	2,650	789.86	\$ 71,308.09	Traylor
Chappel Mill Rd	HFP- Hwy 36	5,200	1,002.22	\$ 90,563.23	Heiney

X. Lamar County Audit

Chairman Glass stated that the 2018 audit for Lamar County could be approved by the board because the SPLOST II was ready be closed out. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Lamar County audit for 2018. Vice-Chairman Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Sales Tax Vendor List

Chairman Glass stated that the board needed to review and submit their top 10 Sales Tax Vendor list.

XII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townend reported that currently the County is under budget. He stated that \$490,000.00 had been received from the Tax Commissioner for tax collections. The Insurance Premium Tax was received in the amount of \$749,280.06. The cash on hand is \$1,248,070.79 and \$3,413,000.00 had been borrowed from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) out of the budgeted amount of \$3,800,000.00 dollars. County Administrator Townsend stated that the tracking of the cash flow report helps to keep the expenditures in line with the budget and working with the departments. He said that the departments have been working hand in hand with the Administration Office and said that they are doing a great job. County Administrator Townend stated that the Insurance Premium Tax came in about \$60,000.00 over what was budgeted.

XIII. Public Comments

Alton Kendrick of 228 Sudduth Road addressed the board in regards to the condition of Sudduth road. He said that when John Wesley Walker was over the road crew there were no problems. He knew how to work the roads and no one had to tell him what to do. He said that when he retired no one scraped the roads or pulled the ditches for three or four years. He said that his wife moved to Lamar County in 1992 and they married in 2004. He said that he spoke to Mr. Patterson about the getting something done to the road. Mr. Patterson told him that he had to have pull in Lamar County to get the road paved or you will never get it paved. Mr. Kendrick stated that he spoke to former Commissioner Brinkley and he told him he had a pond on one side of him with the water line. Mr. Kendrick stated that he understood when they put the County water line in, they put it in the middle of the road. Then they teed off for the fire hydrant. Mr. Kendrick stated that they can't do anything on that side because of the pond and the right of way on the other side. Mr. Kendrick said that his wife, Mr. Boggs, Mrs. Ogletree, and Mr. Farmer all gave right of ways to have it done. Commissioner Hearn didn't get the road paved when he was in office because there was a pond on one side and they didn't have the right of way on the other. Mr. Kendrick said that he told Commissioner Hearn that everyone who gave the right of way is dead except for his wife. Mr. Kendrick said that it was one excuse after the other as to why they can't pave the road but they did come put gravel on the road and then packed the gravel down with a roller. He said that they did this several times packing in the road and when it dried it was like cement, with gravel sticking out of it. He said that it has torn up all of their vehicles and he needs another car but he will not buy one to put on the road. He said that the neighbors have given up. Mr. Kendrick said that the sewer pipe has a hole in it too that needs to be replaced but Mr. Kendrick said that Public Works replaced the pipe on Country Kitchen Road. Mr. Kendrick mentioned that they paved Zellner Road and asked why Sudduth Road couldn't be paved. He said that his wife will gladly donate land to get the road paved. Mr. Sudduth said Country Kitchen Road was paved and former Commissioner Hearn told him this was from leftovers. Mr. Kendrick said Warner Road was paved and said that his road is nothing but mud and rocks. Mr. Kendrick said that he has been told that Public Works

Rigdon is going to do this and that but he hasn't. Mr. Kendrick said that in February he had his knee replaced and he got to ride his motorcycle and when he rode it, he almost didn't make it to Yatesville Road because of the rocks.

Vice-Chairman Traylor stated that he had been texting Public Works Director Rigdon during the meeting and he said that they had spent a large sum of money on the gravel. He texted him the issue about the pond and Public Works Rigdon said that other than widening the road and paving that is about all that can be done. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that he and Public Works Rigdon would meet with him on Thursday morning to discuss the issue of paving Sudduth Road.

Dan Morgan of 195 Yatesville, Road Barnesville addressed the board and asked if the board had received his emails. He said that it is time for the people and the local government to start throwing broom sticks through the spokes of this highly efficient type of machine which cost John Kennedy his life back in 1963. He said that the Secret Society is still alive today. He said that he has been working on the 440/432 frequency for two years. He said he played music for 50 years and he never ran into one single person who ever mentioned anything about 432 frequency and that 440 is destructive to humanity. Mr. Morgan said that 440 causes unstable behavior and aggression. He said that the Greeks determined long ago that it was a good pulse for war. Mr. Morgan said that we have been a nation of war since he was born. He said that it won't end until people get their heads right. He said that the right and left brain has to be merged and that is what 432 frequency does. Mr. Morgan said that he has given this information to lots of people since he found out about it in 2016. Mr. Morgan said that he once had a broken wrist and couldn't pick up his guitar let alone play it. He said that he has a hearing impairment and he is hoping that 432 frequency will heal his ears as well as other parts of his body. Mr. Morgan said that fires are being started out in California by direct energy weapons. He said that you know you have direct energy weapons when you have cars on the side of the road with windows blown out of them and burned to a crisp and the trees are still standing. Mr. Morgan stated that we have issues like children being arrested for pointing their finger like a finger gun. He said that there is a God in Heaven who thinks that all of humanity is a drop in the bucket, as far as the dust is concerned, in the measure of his hand. He said that God calls all governments of the world vanity and they are going to disappear. Mr. Morgan said that we have overpaid Congressman and Senators in Washington DC that are millionaires and they may have been in office for 3 to 5 years but they have accumulated around 3 million dollars. He said that the corruption has to come to a stop. Mr. Morgan stated that Barnesville, Ga. needs to be the end of the road where the Wi-Fi is taken out. Mr. Morgan said he wants to start making harmonicas. Mr. Morgan stated that he wants to go backwards because 5G is going to be the destruction of everyone. He said that the microwave frequencies are seriously dangerous and requested that someone in the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Office or the Board of Commissioners buy a meter. Mr. Morgan said that God is coming and he is praying that everyone is doing the right thing when that happens.

XX. Round Table

Commissioner Heiney gave a note of thanks to County Administrator Townsend for the work that he is doing with the finances. He said that the greatest benefits to the taxpayers is sound management of the finances.

Vice-Chairman Traylor acknowledged all of the County personnel. He said that he has had the opportunity through the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) training to sit with City and County Managers of Georgia regarding staff issues that they have. He said that here in Lamar County, from the Recreation Department to the Fire Department to the Sheriff's Office to the Administration office, including the County Clerk, the Board of Elections Supervisor, and the Public Works Department. Vice-Chairman Traylor stated that Lamar County has something to be thankful for. He said it might not always be perfect but said that everyone should be proud of all of the staff in Lamar County.

Vice-Chairman Traylor thanked Walter Geiger with the Barnesville Herald Gazette for advertising the Lamar County Lady Trojans softball team. He said that he will do a Facebook live down in Dodge County tomorrow for anyone that had not seen them play. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that the second round of playoffs is the farthest that Lamar County has ever made it and the goal is to get to Columbus. He said that there are counties all over Georgia that don't want to play Lamar County. Vice-Chairman Traylor said there is one player on the team, Cayla Bishop, that is headed to the University of Georgia and another team player, Brinkley Yevak that is going to attend Georgia Southern along with three or four other girls that are considering schools now. The record across the United States for homeruns is 41 and this is for every school district and this is all divisions. Lamar County has 39 homeruns and this is for an AA school. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that Attorney Scott Mayfield's daughter, Paige Mayfield, is on the team and has hit one of these homeruns. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that a team out of Dodge County also has a team member that is committed to the University of Georgia and they are friends of his family. He said that during the game the dad was texting him with concerns about playing Lamar County. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that Lamar County follows football, and basketball but a lot of the other sports in Lamar County such as soccer, softball and volleyball get over looked. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that he wished that a spectator bus was going to Dodge County but there isn't one so for those that can't make it to the game. He said that if anyone sees one of these young ladies from the Lamar County Trojans softball team and/or their families tell them how much you appreciate them and hug their necks because they have worked so hard. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that there are kids and parents from other counties wanting to come play for Lamar County because of the programs in the Lamar County School system. Vice-Chairman Traylor said that he is excited for these young ladies and he knows that they represent Lamar County well just as they did in Heard County and Bremen Georgia. They are very respectful young ladies and coaches and he is very excited to see what will happen. (Special Note from the County Clerk for the Record) Ryla Traylor daughter of Vice-Chairman Traylor is also a team member of the Lamar County Lady Trojans.

Presentation by Commissioner Thrash to Commissioner Bennie Horton

Commissioner Thrash presented and congratulated Commissioner Horton for earning the Specialty Track Certificate from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). This is a Specialty Track Certificate for the County Operations and Management.

Commissioner Thrash explained that Commissioners have to have training and meet certain requirements and that there is an initial training that Commissioners have to take in order to be certified. Commissioner Thrash explained that once these hours are completed there are other specialty tracks for various programs that can be taken. Commissioner Horton completed 48 hours of training to earn the Specialty Track Certificate for County Operations and Management.

Commissioner Horton thanked the Board of Commissioners and the Association of County Government (ACCG) and everyone involved for helping him to get this certificate. He said that this one is not the first one that he had received. Commissioner Horton said along with County Attorney Mayfield he has seen a lot of change and he said that the County is in really good hands. He said that a long while back there were a lot of things that happened where a lot of constituents don't completely trust the board but as far as he is concerned the County is a team. Commissioner Horton said that you don't really know a person unless you are married to them or work closely with them. He said that he has worked closely with this Board of Commissioners and the Chairman and he is proud to be a part of this organization and thanked everyone again.

Chairman Glass announced that there would be a blood drive on October 24th, 2019 at the First Methodist Church of Barnesville. He said that you don't have to have an appointment to give blood but the one o'clock and the 5 o'clock hour is pretty busy. It is sponsored by the Women's League and the Barnesville Rotary Club. The Women's League makes the cookies.

Chairman Glass stated that they certainly make mistakes on the board and they are always looking to improve things for the future. The new Ordinances are some of the things that they are improving. He said that improving things is one of the best qualities you can say about this board. Chairman Glass apologized to Mr. Kendrick and said that they would work on his road issues and said he was sorry that it has taken so long. Chairman Glass said that there are a lot of things going on in the County and if the constituents would bring issues to their attention the board will address them.

XXI. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Traylor made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at 8:45 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

\p0-Attest: _____ County Clerk Davidson