

Meeting Summary
Workshop Meeting of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners
March 12th, 2020
12:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on March 12th, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Thrash, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

- A. The board discussed the public use of the Lamar County Courthouse
- B. The board discussed the Ag Arena and a County usage agreement. Members of the Saddle Club were present for the discussion.
- C. The board discussed the WestCare Ga. Guidance Center, a substance abuse treatment facility across from Zaxby's.
- D. The board reviewed an Ordinance to amend the building codes.
- E. The board reviewed a right of way application for Ryan Davies to bore under Forsyth-Yatesville Road and Install 6' sleeve to run 4" water main to be pumped from pond to tree farm.
- F. The board reviewed an increase in the size of lots in Lamar County. Chairman Glass advised that they defer to the Land Use Plan and the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan. The board discussed holding Town Hall meetings in each district regarding land lot sizes in Lamar County
- G. The board reviewed Rezoning Application # 2020-01 by Emily Hutto.
- H. The board reviewed a Minor Subdivision App # 2020-01 by Chadwick Parson
- I. The board reviewed 2 sets of minutes from February
 - i. Workshop Meeting-February 12th, 2020
 - ii. Regular Business Meeting-February 18th, 2020
- J. The board reviewed two Proclamations.
 - i. National Donate Life
 - ii. National Crime Victims' Right Week
- K. The board reviewed a Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement that was awarded to the County for the purpose of creating a policy and procedure manual for the Recreation Department.
- L. The board heard from the County Administrator that there were no bids for the Road Striping. The board heard from the County Administrator that C.W. Matthews was the low bid for the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) and that they could also do an addendum with to the contract for road striping and that he is working with C.W. Matthews on the price.
- M. The board reviewed a Resolution for the Lease Purchase Agreement with BB&T for the purchase of vehicles and equipment that was approved at the February Regular Business meeting.
- N. The board reviewed Resolution 2020-05 Subdivision Application by Chadwick Parson.
- O. The board heard an Administrator's Report. The Health Department quote from Central Georgia Heating & Cooling, Inc to install Mitsubishi 9000 BTU split system plus Install Honeywell zoning on air handle for #1, #2, #3, and #4. Quote is \$7,500.
- P. Chief Matthews reported that Reported that the Fire Department needs a new set of Jaws for Life because the current set dates back to the 1990's and no long useable. The Holatro Rescue tools on Fire Engine E-6 which is stationed at Parker Branch, were made in 1999. This set of tools broke last Friday while checking off the engine and we are in need of replacing them. The company stated they are not able to get replacement parts for this model. Chief Matthews said that he has been aware of these issues and they have tried to make them last as long as they could. They received a quote from Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply for \$17,999.00.
- Q. Commissioner Thrash setup up a training with the Fire Department for the Commissioners on February 18th, 2020.

- R. The County Administrator reported that Chief Matthews is conducting Fire Inspections in the County and has recommended that both the Senior Center and the Fire Department replace the vent hoods on their stove for a cost of \$2,200.00 each. Chief Matthews reported that there have been several violations to date and they do inspect restaurants, day cares, gas stations, commercial and apartment buildings in the County and in the City of Milner.
- S. The County Administrator reported that the Public Works Department has accumulated \$154,855.00 worth of road damage during the heavy rains and this has been submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement.
- T. The County Administrator reported that a part of Johnstonville Road will be shut down in order to install a new pipe. The pipe has been ordered and should come in within the next 7 to 11 days.
- U. Commissioner Horton reported on broadband and stated that the Three Rivers Regional Commission Taskforce Committee has determined that Lamar County is ahead of the other Counties. Chairman Glass stated that this is because it is the 2020 Lamar County Comprehensive Plan.
- V. Commissioner Horton reported that the Lamar County “Men on the Move” will host a town hall meeting at Gordon College on March 21st, 2020.
- W. The board discussed setting up a workshop for the Animal Shelter for the purpose of adopting standards. The board agreed that the emphasis should be placed on an Ordinance for Spay and Neuter.
- X. Chairman Glass reported that the Census is this month. He said that they will send you paper forms that you can fill out and send back in or you can fill out the questionnaire online or there is a number that you can call with the information. If you choose not to do any of the three then there will be someone that will knock on your door. Chairman Glass stated that you are required by law to participate in the Census. He said that the key component is being counted. Chairman Glass reported that they need to encourage people to vote and that they need to be exposed to the new equipment. He said that the primary in May will be more complicated and there will be more people voting. He said that the new voting machines could slow people down therefore he is encouraging people to come and get familiar with the new process. He said that if people wait to the last day to send in the absentee ballot they may not get counted. Chairman Glass stated that they are working with the Lamar County Health Department and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) in regards to the COVID-19 virus. He reported that two students had been exposed to the COVID-19 virus but that they had reported to be tested negative. Chairman Glass reported that the virus could affect the elderly more than the younger people. He said that the plan is to keep the County buildings open and they will review the sick policy for employees. He stated that at this time there are no concrete plans but highly encouraged the Department Heads to communicate with their employees. He said that if people are sick then they need to stay home. Chairman Glass reported that the Blood Drive is scheduled for March 26th, 2020 and that 6 to 8 Nursing Students will be assisting. Chairman Glass requested that all guidelines from the Lamar County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) be posted on the Lamar County Website NewsTicker.
- Y. Commissioner Thrash reported that the President is putting 5 million dollars into Mental Health and stated that he recognizes that Mental Health in the jails is costing the counties.
- Z. Chairman Glass reported that the Public Defenders Budget is due by April 1st.

The board adjourned the Workshop at approximately 2:56 p.m.