

Workshop Meeting of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners
July 15th, 2020
12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on July 15th, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, and, and County Clerk Davidson. Vice-Chair Thrash and County Administrator Townsend were absent for the meeting. The meeting was open to the public via Zoom.

Regular Business Meeting Discussion

Vice-Chair Trash was absent for the Workshop meeting because she was greeting President Donald J. Trump at the airport. Vice-Chair Thrash had requested that the discussion of holiday events be placed on the agenda. The board members in attendance agreed that Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Traylor, and County Clerk Davidson would meet to discuss the upcoming holiday events including a Christmas parade and the celebration for the County turning 100 years old in January of 2021.

The board heard that Craig Ogletree Pastor for the Greater Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church will give the invocation.

The board reviewed four sets of minutes:

- i. Public Hearing June 4th, 2020
- ii. Special Called Meeting June 4th, 2020
- iii. Workshop Meeting June 11th, 2020
- iv. Regular Business Meeting-June 16th, 2020

The board discussed hearing the Special Exception Application for the New Cingular Wireless (AT&T) at the July 15th, 2020 Public Hearing meeting.

County Clerk Davidson explained that there are four Resolutions and three Ordinances that are on the Regular Business meeting agenda. The Resolutions are for approving the subdivisions and the Ordinances are for approving the rezoning of the property.

- Resolution 2020-07 New Cingular Wireless, PCS, on behalf of AT&T
- Resolution 2020-10 Major Subdivision Fox Crossing Phase 3
- Resolution 2020-11 Major Subdivision Forever Moore
- Resolution 2020-12 Major Subdivision Grove Park
- Ordinance 2020-03 Rezoning Grove Street Park
- Ordinance 2020-04 Rezoning Forever Moore
- Ordinance 2020-05 Rezoning Fox Crossing Phase 3

The board discussed approving Resolution 2020-09 Authorizing Adoption of the Lamar County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chairman Glass stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated and submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) through Three Rivers Regional Commission in January of 2020. Chairman Glass explained that there

had to be a plan in place and submitted to GEMA so that if a disaster does occur then the County and the Cities will be able to receive reimbursements.

The board discussed the Rezoning Application 2020-04 by Forevermore. The plan is to put three or four houses on this property. It was determined that this is in District 3.

The board acknowledged that the E & R Charge On & Offs from 7-01-2019 through 6-30-2020 submitted by the Tax Commissioner to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners is a lawful and formal submission and would not need to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Horton stated that Mr. Eddie Felton who was just elected to the board of appeals would also like to serve on the planning and zoning board as well. Country Clerk Davidson stated that she would get with Planning and Community Development Director Buice about this and if there is a spot available for him to serve on this board then it would be placed on the August agenda.

Chairman Glass announced that Kelly Page is the new Georgia Division of Family & Children Services (DFACS) Director and stated that she had sent an email out to all of the Commissioners with her contact information.

The board discussed holding town hall meetings and agreed to meet individually with Planning and Community Develop Director Buice. Chairman Glass stated that he did not know of any new changes to the zoning ordinance that had been made other than the drafts that were previously sent out. One of them was a minimum of 3 to 5 acres for Agricultural Residential (A-R) zoning. He said that currently there is R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning and one of the proposals is to have an R-1 and an R-4 zoning and then a residential and high-density residential zoning. Chairman Glass stated that it would be good to get feedback from the public regarding these choices. Chairman Glass stated that up to 50 people could gather for these meetings due to COVID-19 and the meetings could also be held via Zoom. Chairman Glass suggested that they could use the Redbone Community Club House for one of the town hall meetings but said that there is not much internet service at this location. Commissioner Traylor stated that they could possibly use a hotspot for internet service.

The board discussed having better internet service because of the new cell tower and Chairman Glass said that the footprint did not change much. He said that the difference was that this one is connected to fiber and the old one was not. He said that they can handle more bandwidth on this tower and hopefully the calls will go through.

Chairman Glass stated that they needed to coordinate the town hall meeting dates with Planning and Community Develop Director Buice and said that they might want to hold one or two meetings via Zoom and then one or two meetings in person. Commissioner Heiney stated that if they hold the meetings via Zoom then they will not have to separate into Districts. Chairman Glass stated that the town hall meetings needed to be held in August. Commissioner Heiney said that there are only a couple of items to discuss, such as the change with the three or five acres. Chairman Glass said that the Planning and Community Develop Director Buice is looking to do a complete re-write of the zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Heiney asked if

this was applicable for all of the Districts and Chairman Glass replied that it was. Commissioner Heiney suggested that they let the citizens call in via Zoom. He said that they could set two or three Zoom dates unless they want to hold the town hall meetings at a physical location. Chairman Glass stated that he agreed and said that they could hold one or two Zoom meetings and then have one or two town hall meetings at a particular location in the Districts. Commissioner Heiney stated that it would depend on the type of participation that they have using Zoom. Commissioner Traylor stated that he would want to offer in-person town hall meetings. Commissioner Traylor stated that it would be nice to publicize the Zoom meetings and then have meetings within the individual Districts and then follow up with another Zoom meeting. He said that if you could not make the initial Zoom meeting then you have the opportunity to get information from the town hall meeting. Commissioner Traylor said that you could do one final Zoom meeting at the end. Commissioner Heiney agreed with this plan. Commissioner Horton asked if Planning and Community Development Director Buice would be present. Chairman Glass stated that she should coordinate the town hall meetings and she needs dates, times, and locations from each board member.

Chairman Glass called for an update on the Solid Waste Authority from Commissioner Traylor who is also a member of the Solid Waste Authority board. Commissioner Heiney said that they would like to know how far along they are on the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan and the last he heard it was at 18 million. Commissioner Traylor said that he does not know what the amount is currently. He said that he does know that the date for making payments was pushed back. Commissioner Heiney asked if the project would be completed and generating income either on or before they run out of money. Commissioner Heiney rephrased his question and asked, Whatever is left over will that be enough to complete the project to produce what they were told it would produce, which is making gases and selling them? Commissioner Traylor replied that there would be some form of that in the entire recycling aspect. He said that there has been another opportunity that has presented itself and said that the ultimate goal is to pay on the GEFA note. Commissioner Heiney asked which gases they would be producing. He said that at the time of the presentation there were at least a dozen different gases that could be produced and then for sale. Commissioner Heiney asked which ones would be produced to sell in an upcoming period of time assuming they continue on the same protocols that have been established. Commissioner Traylor said that the ultimate part about this is who is buying the gas. Commissioner Traylor said that this has changed over time. He said one company wants gas this particular way and for this particular purpose. Commissioner Traylor said that the ultimate goal for all of the board members has been, even with the potential opportunity that has been dropped in their lap, what is it going to take to cover the bill. He said that this other opportunity could float the bill by itself even without the other stuff getting completed. Commissioner Heiney said that he understood that the focus is on the other opportunity that would perhaps cover the cost of the GEFA loan. Commissioner Traylor replied that it potentially could. Commissioner Heiney wanted to know the time frame of when they would know this, and Commissioner Traylor replied that he would see if the Lamar County Solid Waste Authority Director Johnny Poore could give them an update. Commissioner Traylor said that the good thing about this opportunity is, that if it happens, they can use their own supply of gases. Chairman Glass said that his question is still the same, when are they going to do something and when would they pull the trigger. He said at best it seems like they are still taking an engineering approach to things and they need to get the business

side of things going and start making some money. Commissioner Traylor said that from a board perspective, that has been the goal the entire time. Chairman Glass said that he understood the goals, but he wants to know when they are going to start making money and when are they going to sell a product. He said that it seems like they keep doing more and more engineering and not getting any closer to selling something. Commissioner Traylor said that a large share of the equipment is there now and there is another phase of the project that is getting produced because they are looking at getting some help from a surrounding County because of the local business that didn't pan out. Commissioner Traylor said that he does know that when GEFA had a meeting with them they were more than willing to extend the date of the start of the payments simply because this new opportunity could turn out to be very good for them. Commissioner Heiney asked about the length of the extension and Commissioner Traylor said he thought that it was August of 2021 and no payments will be made for another year.

Chairman Glass stated that both County Administrator Townsend and Public Works Director Rigdon were out of the office and he did not know what the paving status was. Chairman Glass stated that he had heard that C.W. Matthews had gotten behind on some other projects. He said that he knew that a 48-inch pipe was replaced on Old Alabama Road.

Chairman Glass stated that the millage rate would be set by the end of August and said that so far it is looking good. He said that hopefully, they can get by with the rollback rate or what it was in 2019. He said that the State is saying that all revenues are down but said that when they report a decrease of ten to eleven percent he thinks that this is because the income tax date was extended from April to July. He said that sales tax across the State is down by three percent. Chairman Glass said that this is not true locally because the revenues for Lamar County are actually up, and he does not know what to make of this. He said that the fuel tax has gone down because for a while people were traveling a lot less. He said that the County's portion of the fuel tax is attached to the sales tax and the State has a separate portion in excise tax. If the fuel portion of the sales tax decreased but the overall collections increased, then it did not have that bad of an effect on the County. Chairman Glass stated that alcohol tax collections have increased in the County and said that this is also Statewide. He said that he is glad to see the local sales taxes have increased and that most of the revenues are steady, but he is a little nervous because it does not coincide with what the State is reporting. He said that they are trying to look backwards at the County's history and use that to make future projections. He said that they have been successful for the last several years and one of the indicators is the positive cash flow and the increased time of having to draw from the TAN in May as opposed to February.

Chairman Glass reported that the Board of Elections is waiting to hear about a reimbursement from a Grant that they had applied for. County Clerk Davidson reported that scheduled conferences with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), the Carl Vinson Institute of Government /University of Georgia (CVIOG/UGA), the Government Finance Officer Authority(GFOA), the Georgia Payroll Association (GPA) and other Department conferences have all been canceled. County Clerk Davidson said that this has had a positive impact on the budget since training and hotel fees have been either refunded or not spent at all.

Chairman Glass reported that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) ACT gave a substantial amount of money to Georgia and a portion of that is supposed to be distributed to the cities and the counties. He said that the projection is 1.3 million dollars for the State with \$600,000.00 going to Lamar County if it is actually received. The funds will have to be shown as spent on COVID-19. Chairman Glass stated that this would be a big help to the budget.

Commissioner Heiney discussed the subdivision for Grove Park on Grove Street. He said that these are duplexes that they plan to build. Chairman Glass stated that this is close to Old Milner Road and is listed as a minor subdivision. Commissioner Heiney was concerned that it conforms to the land use plan and said that if it does not it should not be permitted. Commissioner Traylor reported that there was already a duplex on Grove Street.

Commissioner Traylor inquired about the recommendation for Fox Crossing subdivision. Chairman Glass stated that it goes before the Planning and Zoning board on Monday. Commissioner Heiney stated that it will probably be approved because it is in Phase III and it is about 105 houses. He said that it has been slowly building steam. He said that the first time he went through the subdivision there were about a dozen houses and empty lots. He said that now there are 105 permits for houses to be built. Commissioner Heiney said that this will affect the roads.

Commissioner Traylor stated that he is receiving lots of calls from the homeowners in Needleleaf subdivision. He said that there are things that need to be addressed regarding streetlights and mailboxes. He said that the residents do not want to do a homeowner's association and they have finally figured out something with Southern Rivers to where the developer is going to pay the initial fee to get this done. Commissioner Traylor said that the residents who live in the Needleleaf subdivision want the County to pay for the streetlights. Commissioner Traylor stated that the developer did not do this initially because it was not a requirement. Commissioner Traylor said that the issue is the same as with the mailboxes. He said that if someone runs over their stack of mailboxes there is no money set aside to build new mailboxes. The developer built the mailboxes that one time and then said you are on your own. Commissioner Traylor said that he is referring them back to the developer regarding the streetlights. He said now they are wanting speed bumps and he can understand their concerns, but this is not a responsibility of the County even though the County takes over the road. He said that one of the residents called him and said that he would put in a speed bump himself. Commissioner Traylor told him he could not do this because this is a County road. Commissioner Traylor said that the residents want to add this to the tax bill and have a special district so it can be pushed on everybody. He said that if you sell your property to someone else then the property owner would have to continue to pay for the streetlight without them having to have any type of homeowner's association. Commissioner Heiney suggested that they have something in the codebook about streetlights. Chairman Glass asked how they would pay for this. Commissioner Heiney said that it would be with a special tax district. Chairman Glass said that the County would have to vote on this, and it would have to go on the ballot. Commissioner Traylor said that Needleleaf subdivision sat empty for a long time and the developer had to make some decisions about this. Commissioner Traylor stated that in Abbot Woods, his subdivision, there are three streetlights. He said that when they foreclosed on the

subdivision, they gave everyone the option to collectively pay for it. He said that some of the people paid for it, not the installation or the bulk cost for actual streetlight they had to pay the monthly fee. Commissioner Traylor said that in the Needleleaf subdivision they are having to pay for the streetlights to be installed which is the bulk of the resident's complaints as opposed to paying a monthly fee. Commissioner Traylor stated that in a lot of subdivisions they do not want to have a homeowner's association because they see all the benefits for not having one. Commissioner Traylor stated he feels like that this is a lot of money for the County to have to pay for ten streetlights. Commissioner Traylor said that they could have had homeowner's association fees that only focused on streetlights and mailboxes. It did not have to cover the grass, the color of your house, or your doors but just the streetlights and the mailboxes. Commissioner Traylor stated that this is statewide and nationwide where everyone wants to get rid of the homeowner's association. Chairman Glass suggested that they could have one for about 18 months where they could collect enough funds to get them installed. He said that they would have to figure out how to pay for the monthly bills after this is complete. Commissioner Traylor said that he heard that Spalding County had done a special district for this sort of thing and said he felt like more issues like this will come up in Lamar County.

Commissioner Heiney inquired about the mailboxes. Commissioner Traylor said that they are all located in a central location and if the mailbox is hit then everyone is affected. Commissioner Traylor said that he suggested that they have a community yard sale to help offset these expenses. Chairman Glass said that each individual should be able to put up their own mailbox and rent them out individually. Commissioner Horton asked if this is something that the County needs to put in place down the road. Commissioner Traylor stated that a contractor with a mail center needs to be put in place, but the streetlights are another thing. Commissioner Traylor said he personally does not like streetlights, and he does not have one at his home in his subdivision. He said that if you are in a subdivision with that many houses, then they are needed for safety purposes.

Chairman Glass stated that sidewalks are another issue and said that they will begin asking about this. He said that there currently is not a requirement for a sidewalk in a subdivision. Commissioner Traylor stated that he had received one request about sidewalks. Chairman Glass stated that if they do require sidewalks then who is responsible for the piece between the sidewalk and the curve. He said that the City normally mows. Commissioner Traylor said that the County does not mow in the subdivisions. Chairman Glass said that with so many subdivisions in foreclosure back in 2014 they did have to cut some grass. He said that now that the activity in the subdivisions is beginning the builders and developers are taking care of it. Commissioner Heiney said that these are good questions regarding needs in subdivisions and said that modifications to the code should be reviewed. Commissioner Heiney stated that he did not realize that you had to have a grouped together mailbox based on the United States Postal Service regulations. Commissioner Traylor stated that this went into place a few years ago. Chairman Glass said that individual resident delivery is not required unless you are grandfathered in. He said that the United States Postal Service would like for subdivisions or apartments to have all of the mailboxes grouped together. They are not required, and they do not have to be locked but they have to be in one location for the postmaster to deliver the mail. He said that in the Steeplechase subdivision on Community House Road there are six mailboxes at the entrance. Commissioner Heiney said that the issue could be if someone

knocks over the mailboxes and then no one knows who did it. Commissioner Heiney said that there is no mechanism in place now unless people get together and form an ad hoc committee. Chairman Glass stated that they could all put up a regular mailbox because it is their responsibility.

Commissioner Traylor stated that as Commissioners they have done a good job of educating the public with what they can do. He said that the builders and the developers are telling the residents to call their County Commissioner, so the residents think that this is their job. He said that they already fight so many negative things that this is not something else that they need to have to deal with. Commissioner Traylor said that anything that they can do to shed light on this sort of stuff needs to happen. He said that the Chairman does a phenomenal job at putting information out there and he knows that their goal is not to react to every social media post but there is a lot of conversation going on about why they don't have broadband or why they don't have internet in the County. Commissioner Traylor requested that Chairman Glass address broadband at the Regular Business meeting. He said that they have been talking about this for a while and it is not only a rural issue but a statewide issue. He said that now that the schools are having to look at modifications to learning, and they don't have internet services, they are looking at the County Commissioners saying that they haven't done what they need to do to have better internet service. Commissioner Heiney said that the road to better internet service is to make it profitable for somebody to operate in Lamar County. He said that the only way to make it profitable is for the Government to throw in millions of dollars to those already rich providers. Commissioner Heiney said that he read somewhere that AT&T has one hundred million dollars in their bank account. He said that they are not going to do anything here because they do not make any money. He said that the way to do this is to figure out a way to entice a private company to come to Lamar County. Commissioner Heiney said that the company CLEAR, out of Atlanta, Georgia, had a good broadband service but he does not know what happened to them. He said that it was all hotspot based. He said that they were moving down this way and then they disappeared.

Commissioner Horton said that at the last Three River Regional Commission meeting, Spectrum had a representative out of Woodbury who did a presentation. He said that he was using a system where they put up little side antennas and it seemed to work very well. Chairman Glass said that AT&T wireless is available in a large part of the County. He said that his mother has this service, but he does not, and he just lives across the road from her. Chairman Glass said that this is called "line of sight" technology. Chairman Glass said that back in 2017 he was told that AT&T "fixed wireless" was coming by the end of the year. He said that he could not get it then and he still cannot get it. He said that they do not have the capacity to handle all of the households.

Chairman Glass stated that he spoke to someone about the cell tower about two weeks ago and he said that everyone understands the pain of not having internet access. He said that his job is to find locations to install the cell towers. He said that it is not AT&T that is doing this. He said that it is New Cingular Wireless that is doing this. He said that AT&T rents the cell tower and they do not go through the zoning process. He said that this company works out a deal with the landowner to rent the land. He said with this special exception request, AT&T is essentially buying an option on this tower with the anticipation that the request will be

approved. He said that Verizon Wireless does the same thing where they will find a company or create these companies as a separate entity and they go set it up and then they pay rent to them after they get it done. Chairman Glass stated that this person is in the business to rent towers to AT&T. He said that they would like to have a lot more, but the requirement is that you have to have a place to tie in the fiber. Chairman Glass stated that there has to be a way to pay back for it so if one is set up, to cover that area, with that footprint then you don't have the market reasons to put another one in within that same footprint unless you are out of connections. Chairman Glass said that he still feels like the best answer for the rural bandwidth is with the Electric Membership Corporation's (EMC's), but AT&T and Verizon Wireless are pushing back on that. He said that the person he spoke to said that need to lobby the bill where EMC's cannot use any of their electric money on broadband. They have to have a separate entity set up for broadband. He said that Southern River's Energy is worried that if they try to do something with broadband then Verizon and AT&T are going to come in and say that you have one CEO and he is spending some of his time on broadband but you are paying him from the electric service money. He said that from Southern River's standpoint they cannot take this risk.

Commissioner Traylor suggested that Chairman Glass could speak on this at the Regular Business Meeting on July 21st, 2020. He said that the citizens think that the Lamar County Board of Commissioners are not allowing these companies to come into the County. They do not realize that this is for a profit.

Chairman Glass stated that the reason that the cell tower was tabled from the Planning and Zoning Commission was because of a medical issue with a hearing aid and they wanted to go back and do some research. He said that the person is claiming that any frequencies would mess with her hearing aids and cause medical problems. Chairman Glass said that they are looking into it because it does need to be pursued. Chairman Glass inquired about what this would do for broadband access. Commissioner Heiney stated that it would not do anything for him or Chairman Glass according to where they live.

Commissioner Traylor requested to discuss the Social Media account for the Planning and Community Development. He said that he feels like this will be a great opportunity for them especially if they are going to do a Fan Page with all of these town hall meetings. He asked if they could have a Facebook page or did the need to change or amend the inhouse social media policy. County Clerk Davidson stated that currently, Lamar County does not have a Social Media Policy. She said that she has the boilerplate version of a Social Media Policy that was sent to her from ACCG. Chairman Glass stated that in the personnel policy it states that you cannot use County-owned equipment for Social Media. County Clerk Davidson stated that this is happening because businesses and other entities use Social Media that is accessed using County-owned equipment. Chairman Glass stated that the Recreation Department has a Facebook Page that is working well. Chairman Glass said that he is not against Facebook for the County, but he is concerned about the workload that it would take for someone to do this. He said that it could start off strong and then it could slow down. He said people will start complaining about this and hold it over their heads. County Clerk Davidson inquired about who polices Social Media on County-owned equipment. Commissioner Traylor stated that they had a Social Media Policy at the hospital where he used to work, and he said that it was mainly

for legal purposes. He said that it was never policed but if someone said something racist or derogatory about anyone, during the work hours, and that person took it to Human Resources then it saved them because this was not representing the hospital. Commissioner Traylor said that they did not check on this nor did they care about it until something happened. Chairman Glass stated that the ACCG Social Media Policy's purpose is to keep people out of trouble. Commissioner Traylor said that if this is the case, then this needs to be clarified. County Clerk Davidson said that 10 to 15 years ago when the internet and Facebook were just getting cranked up, companies would put a block on the server so that you could not get to certain things on the internet. She said that now it is wide open, and people are accessing everything. Commissioner Traylor said that like with the hospital if he is looking up something for a physician or he needs to check out something, that is the first thing he is going to go to; the internet. He said that if he is looking up a doctor the first thing he is going to do is go to Facebook. County Clerk Davidson said that when you google something or search for something, Facebook will come up regardless of whether you want it to come up or not. County Clerk Davidson stated that someone might type in a County name and then all of a sudden they are inside their Facebook page as opposed to someone that might be logged into their personal Facebook page, therefore, you would have to differentiate from who is searching and who is logged into their personal Facebook page. Commissioner Traylor said that he does not believe that anything needs to be enforced unless there is a problem such as someone is not getting their job done or they are spending their day on Facebook. Commissioner Traylor said that he is not looking at anything to have to police, but he would like to know how a Facebook page is working for the Recreation Department. Chairman Glass stated that this could work well for Planning and Community Development and if they want to do this then he does not have a problem with it. Chairman Glass said that he does not want this to be a justification for another person or a Social Media campaign. He said that he does not want to have a Public Relations (PR) person in each Department. Commissioner Traylor said that he does not think that this is what they are looking for. He said that he hopes Zoom continues for their meetings and said that the people that come to the meetings are truly blessed.

Commissioner Traylor stated that he has watched some of the other County meetings and they are much like sitting in a Courtroom. He said that unless you know the law you are not learning anything. He said that Chairman Glass does a very good job of explaining the items on the agenda; this is what they are here for and this is what they are here to talk about. He said that their meetings have discussions about the issues on the agenda that are educational. Commissioner Traylor said that when he invited students to some of their meetings, they were amazed at the amount of information that they heard. Commissioner Traylor said that his argument for a Facebook page is something for later on down the road. He said that he hopes more people will start joining their meetings via Zoom so that they can learn some of this information. Commissioner Traylor said that the Recreation Departments Facebook page is crucial for getting the kids signed up for sports. Commissioner Traylor said that he never thought about the fact that Planning and Community Development could not have a Facebook page and asked if they needed to vote on this.

Chairman Glass stated that the personnel policy needs to be changed to take this out. He said they have a mechanism to address the issue if someone is not getting their job done because they are spending all of their time on Social Media. He said that what he sees is the issue with

people posting something that is a personal opinion that does not reflect the County. He said that the policy states that this is all personal stuff and they do not endorse that at all. He said that they have the right to post personal stuff because of the First Amendment but they are not allowing employees to use County time and County property to do this. He said that they need legal separation. He said that what is in the personal policy is there because it was just stuck in there. County Clerk Davidson stated that Social Media was not used as a form of communication 10 to 15 years ago and now it is. Commissioner Traylor stated that he wonders how many times people look at an article that the Herald Gazette posts on their website and then immediately go to their Facebook page. He said people are not going to Barnesville.com but when he posts an article on their Facebook page with the link to the Barnesville.com, people click on the Barnesville.com to read the article. County Clerk Davidson stated that people also share the article via Facebook.

The board discussed putting the Social Media, Facebook Page for marketing purposes, or PR on the agenda. Chairman Glass stated that they could not vote on this without changing the Personnel Policy. County Clerk Davidson stated that Human Resource Director Kilchris needed to be involved with any personnel policy changes. Commissioner Heiney said that he would call it Citizen Exchange because PR was too strong of a word. Commissioner Traylor said that the Facebook Page at the Recreation Department needs to be commended. Chairman Glass stated that there is nothing to vote on as of yet, but it could be discussed as a Round Table topic. Commissioner Traylor said that if it is a Round Table topic, the Herald Gazette might not recognize it. Commissioner Traylor said that having a Facebook page is a positive thing. He said that they need to utilize this platform. Chairman Glass stated that if he wants to get the word out about something, he does not think that they have that message together yet. Commissioner Traylor stated that once Planning and Community Development create their Facebook page and they decide on a name for it, then they can highlight it at a meeting and help to get it publicized. Chairman Glass said that what the Recreation Department is doing is working well for them and if Planning and Community Development plans to follow that same model then they would congratulate them on that. He said that then they could decide if they are open to following that same model.

Adjournment

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk