

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson, and County Attorney Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Invocation was given by Chip Garrison of Rock Springs Church.

**III. Recess for Public Hearing**

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to recess the Regular Business Meeting to go into a Public Hearing. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Reconvene the Regular Business Meeting**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Agenda Approval**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. Workshop Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
- ii. Workshop Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**VII. Board Appointments**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to re-appoint Angela Preston to the Planning Commissioner for a term of four years expiring on August 1st, 2025. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve several re-appointments for the Board of Appeals for a term of four years expiring on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Frankie Holland (Term Expires 7-1-2021)
- ii. Eddie Felton (Term Expires 7-1-2021)
- iii. Lavetrece Walker (Term Expires 7-1-2021)

#### **VIII. FY 2020 Audit**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the FY 2020 audit as presented. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. Contract for Indigent Defense Services**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve the Contract for Indigent Defense Services. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **X. Ladder Truck and Equipment for the Fire Department**

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2001 HME 1871 Ladder Truck for a cost of \$40,000.00 and \$25,000.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Ladder Truck. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XI. Bid for HVAC Replacement Units for the Jail**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the bid for the HVAC replacement units for the jail based on the recommendations from the staff to approve Southern Comfort HVAC for a cost of \$54,148.64 with 5-year parts and 1-year warranty agreement. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XII. Resolution 2021-10 Adoption of a Solid Waste Management Plan**

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the adoption of a Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Lamar County and the City of Milner. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIII. Resolution 2021-11 Amending and Restating the Intergovernmental Agreement between Lamar-Roberta Drive Property**

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Barnesville and Lamar County-Roberta Drive Property. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIV. Ordinance 2021-09 Rezone 518 Hwy 18 West (036 033) from Hwy Commercial to R-3**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09 rezoning 518 Hwy 18 West parcel (036 033) from Hwy Commercial to R-3. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XV. Administrators Report**

County Administrator reported the following:

- i. Expenditures are running at 46.4 percent and they should be at 50 percent.
- ii. Cash Flow is running about the forecast.
- iii. Tax Ad Valorem (TAVT), Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) are running above the forecast.
- iv. Reported that Titan Steel has doubled their price on the Recreation building.
- v. Reported that the Architects will put out an RFP for the Recreation building.
- vi. Reported that the windows project for the Courthouse has been put on hold. The order doubled in price; ordered at \$20,000.00 and is now \$38,000.00.
- vii. Reported that SPLOST distribution was \$214,415.88 and LOST came in at \$120,072.99.
- viii. Reported that no draws have been taken from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

#### **XVI. Round Table**

Vice-Chairman Horton thanked everyone for their support for the passing of his wife. He said that when you are married you do not realize how much you miss them until they are gone. Vice-Chairman Horton said to make sure to love your spouse and take time for them because it is very lonely when they are gone.

Commissioner Heiney said that he grieved with him during this time. He said that there is a close community here that grieves together and said he prayed that Vice-Chairman Horton would be fine.

Commissioner Traylor said that he concurred and said that Vice-Chairman Horton's wife was a special woman. Commissioner Traylor commended Chairman Glass for the job he did at the Republic Party townhall meeting explaining how the tax and assessment process works. He said that he heard comments asking what can be done in the community as citizens and constituents of Lamar County. Commissioner Traylor said that one thing that they do is look at the LOST distributions that come from the community because people have spent money locally. He said that the money that Lamar County is receiving is one of the reasons that they have not had to draw on the TAN. Commissioner Traylor said that this is one contribution as well as being open to new development, growth, and businesses coming to Lamar County. He said that this money that comes into Lamar County helps them to not have to pay more taxes. Commissioner Traylor said that he wanted to commend Lamar County for buying online and making sure that they have the correct address so that the money they spend at Walmart in Griffin, Georgia but you have the packages delivered to your house, that

revenue, comes back to Lamar County. Commissioner Traylor thanked the citizens for shopping locally.

Commissioner Thrash thanked Johnny Poore for all of the time that he spent on the Solid Waste Management Plan and that it is always correct. She said that several years ago they had someone that wanted to come in here and put in an unlined landfill in Lamar County. Commissioner Thrash said that because of Mr. Poore's ability to write the Solid Waste Plan, they were able to keep that out. She said that it was actually going in a ground re-charge area and they were able to keep this out. Commissioner Thrash said that the Solid Waste Management Plan is so important and she appreciates the 28 years that Mr. Poore gave to the landfill and everything that he has done for the County

Chairman Glass thanked everyone for coming out even in the rain. He announced that next Thursday, there will be a blood drive at the First United Methodist Church. Chairman Glass said that the American Red Cross has a shortage of all types of blood there is an emergency shortage for the blood type O. He said that everyone that comes to donate will get a \$10.00 Amazon gift card. He said that the blood drive is from 1-6 p.m. Chairman Glass reported that out of 74 people 56 units of blood were donated at the blood drive last year. He said that everyone that comes to give blood should be hydrated. Chairman Glass said that they will also have a drawing for \$5,000.00 worth of free gas for a year for 3 lucky winners. He said that this will run from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> and includes all donors in the Georgia area.

Chairman Glass expressed condolences to Vice-Chairman Horton and said that his wife, Vivadon Horton was a great person.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

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Robert Heiney, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk