

Workshop Meeting of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners
November 10th, 2021
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on November 10th, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson. Commissioner Thrash joined the meeting via zoom and the meeting was also available via Zoom.

Animal Shelter

Fred Morris and Tom Wellborn addressed the board with concerns about the location of the Lamar County Animal Shelter. The original location along with a sign stating “Future Home of the Lamar County Animal Shelter” was located on the parcel next to the Ag Arena on Roberta Drive. The board discussed the issues with the growth of the Sheriff’s Office and the Judicial System not having enough space if they put the animal shelter at this location. County Administrator Townsend shared with the board that the 2014 Animal Shelter Resolution did not have a plat attached. The board discussed moving the animal shelter to another section of the parcel which is located near the Lamar County Bus Barn. There was discussion about moving the location of the animal shelter near the Public Works Facility but easements with the power company would need to be obtained because of the power lines. There was discussion about the conceptual design of the building. Lamar County has \$250,000.00 in the Special Location Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) fund for the animal shelter. County Administrator Townsend was tasked with putting together an RFP for a design-build for the animal shelter.

Community Development

Community Development Director Buice went over the upcoming Public Hearings.

- Request from Eady Creek LLC, to Rezone Property from Agricultural to Residential 2.
- Request from Eady Creek LLC for Major Subdivision of 65 lots and 5 New Roads.
- Phase 3 A Final Approval for 39 lots and 3 New Roads Located in a Portion of Fox Crossings Road (040001) requested by NBC Homes at Fox Crossing, LLC.
- Request to accept the storm drainage system for Fox Crossing Phase 3 A.
- Request to accept the deeds for Huntsman Drive, Kennelsman Drive and Hounds Way.

The board discussed the safety concerns for putting a subdivision off of Hwy 36 onto Eady Creek Road. Commissioner Thrash requested to table the Eady Creek Rezoning and Major Subdivision request until they could meet with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the applicant for Eady Creek LLC. The board requested to have a Moratorium Resolution for Major Subdivisions added to the agenda.

The board heard that Fox Crossings is in Phase 3 A and has requested that the 39 lots, 3 new roads, storm drainage system and the deeds for Huntsman Drive, Kennelsman Drive and Hounds Way be approved by the board. The Phase 3 A final approval gives neighbors the right to voice their concerns if anything was not done correctly or something was done during construction; such as they cut down one of neighbors trees.

RFP Discussion

The board discussed the condition of the Barnesville Academy (BA) gym and heard that it would cost \$150,000.00 to repair.

The board discussed putting a Design-Build Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new gym, the new Administration/Commissioners Office building (the Fred's Building) and the Lamar County Animal Shelter who will facilitate the process of planning, design, and construction of the site.

TSPLOST BOND Discussion

Chairman Glass reported that that Transportation Special Location Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) was approved by the voters and collections will begin in April of 2022. The first distribution will not be received until the end of May 2022. The referendum stated that it should be bonded so they are proceeding with the bond application. They are asking for \$10,500,000.00 to be bonded and they are estimating that \$12.2 million will be collected from TSPLOST. The monies collected will be split between the municipalities based on the agreement. They anticipate putting out an RFP for Phase I of the Lamar County priority list of roads including the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) priority list of roads. Public Works Director Rigdon reported that Daniel Sapp with Asphalt Paving Systems is scheduled to ride the roads and give his professional opinion on what needs to be done on the roads.

Keck+Wood Study of Possum Trot Road

Public Works Director Rigdon reported that Keck+Wood has submitted a concept study for Possum Trot Road in the amount of \$2,783,000.00. This contract includes reconstruction of Possum Trot Road from Parker Branch Road to Norris Road with full depth asphalt pavement, getting the appropriate right of way, 1.3 miles of roadway improvements including straightening the curves, proper drainage in the ditches, and new pipes in the owner's driveways, extend the culvert on Parker Branch Road, and to construct upstream and downstream concrete headwalls, and utilities. Public Works Director Rigdon noted that this is turning a dirt road into a paved road.

Wellness Program-Corporate Health Partners

Commissioner Thrash requested that the board terminate the contract for the Wellness Program with Corporate Health Partners (CHP) based on the cost of the contract, the service level that the employees are receiving and complaints that she had heard from employees.

Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) 2022 Legislative Priorities

Chairman Glass and the board discussed the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) 2022 Legislative Priorities. The top three will be selected at the upcoming ACCG conference. The board agreed for the Voting Delegate Commissioner Thrash to vote for Mental Health Reforms, Funding to Implement Next Generation E-911, and Compensation for Private Utilization of County Right-of-Way.

1. County Participation in Development Authority Tax Abatements
2. Continue Single County TSPLOST Until Maximum Time Period is Reached
3. Reform Annexation Dispute Resolution / Arbitration Process
4. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Reforms to Funding and Staffing
5. Mental Health Reforms
6. Funding to Implement Next Generation E-911
7. Expansion of Sales Tax to Include Digital Goods
8. Increased Tag and Title Fee Revenue to Fund County Administrative Costs
9. Compensation for Private Utilization of County Right-of-Way

Regular Business Meeting Discussion.

The board reviewed items to be placed on the agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation will be given by Pastor Mark Henson of the Nazarene Church.
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Recess for Public Hearing
6. Reconvene Regular Business Meeting
7. Minutes Approval
 - i. Budget Workshop Meeting October 13th, 2021
 - ii. Workshop Meeting October 14th, 2021
 - iii. Regular Business Meeting October 19th, 2021
 - iv. Budget Workshop Meeting October 27, 2021
8. Board Appointments
 - i. Barnesville-Lamar County Library
Re-appointment of Six members for a Two-year term. (January 1st, to December 31st, 2023) Pam Bryan, Diane Harvey, Octavia Jackson, Linda Olivier, Tim Turner, Tyler Young
9. 2021 Beer and Wine License Renewals
 - I. New Beer and Wine License
 - i. Arihant Stores, I, LLC.
 - II. Renewal Beer and Wine Licenses
 - i. Arihant Stores, I, LLC.
 - a. Malt Beverage Packing-\$500.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$500.00
 - ii. Honeywood Gardens
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$750.00
 - iii. The Rendezvous Goodwood, LLC.
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Pouring-\$750.00
 - iv. Deer Trail Country Club
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - v. The Goth Gardener, LLC.
 - a. Farm Winery/Tasting Room-\$500.00
 - vi. V.F.W. Post 6542
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Pouring-\$750.00
 - vii. C&B 2015 Inc.
 - a. Malt Beverage Package-\$500.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$500.00
10. Ordinance 2021-11 Rezoning of Map 042 Parcel 061 from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Residential 2 (R2).
11. Resolution 2021-28 Eady Creek Subdivision.
12. Resolution 2021-29 Final Plat of Fox Crossing Phase 3A.
13. Resolution 2021-30 Storm Drainage System for Fox Crossing Phase 3 A.
14. Resolution 2021-31 Deeds for Huntsman Drive, Kennelsman Drive, Hounds Way.

15. Resolution 2021-32 Declaring the Results of an Election Held on November 2, 2021.
16. Resolution 2021-33 A Resolution to Enact a Moratorium on the Receipt, Acceptance, Consideration and Approval of Major Subdivision Applications Within the Unincorporated Area of Lamar County, Georgia.
17. Animal Shelter.
18. Administrator's Report.
19. Public Comments.
20. Round Table.
21. Executive Session.
 - i. Real Estate
 - ii. Litigation
 - iii. Personnel
22. Adjournment.

Round Table

Chairman Glass reported that investors are interested in the property located on Roberta Drive slated to be a Business Park.

Adjournment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at approximately 3:08 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk