

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
November 16th, 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

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Henson, Pastor for the Barnesville Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

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

IV. Recessed for Public Hearing

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to recess the Regular Business meeting to go into a Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reconvened the Public Hearing

The board reconvened the Regular Business meeting at approximately 7:07 p.m.

VI. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the following four sets of minutes. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 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

VII. Board Appointments: Barnesville-Lamar County Library

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to re-appointment six members to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library Board for a two-year term (January 1st, through December 31st, 2023); Pam Bryan, Diane Harvey, Octavia Jackson, Linda Olivier, Tim Turner, Tyler Young. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2021 Beer and Wine License Renewals

New Beer and Wine License

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve a new beer and wine license for Arihant Stores, LLC. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Renewal Beer and Wine Licenses

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the following beer and wine licenses as collectively presented. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 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

IX. Ordinance 2021-11 Rezoning of Map 042 Parcel 061 from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Residential 2 (R2)

The application for the Rezoning of Map 042 Parcel 061 from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Residential 2 (R2) was withdrawn.

X. Resolution 2021-28 Eady Creek Subdivision

Resolution 2021-28 Eady Creek Subdivision was withdrawn.

XI. Resolution 2021-29 Final Plat of Fox Crossing Phase 3A

Commissioner Heiney made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-29 Final Plat of Fox Crossing Phase 3 A. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII.. Resolution 2021-30 Storm Drainage System for Fox Crossing Phase 3 A

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-30 Storm Drainage System for Fox Crossing Phase 3 A. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Resolution 2021-31 Deeds for Huntsman Drive, Kennelsman Drive, Hounds Way

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-31 Deeds for Huntsman Drive, Kennelsman Drive, Hounds Way. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Resolution 2021-32 Declaring the Results of an Election Held on November 2, 2021

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-32 Declaring the Results of an Election Held on November 2, 2021, to impose, levy, and collect a single-county one percent transportation special purpose local option sales and use tax, (TSPLOST) Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. 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

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-33 to Enact a Moratorium on the receipt, acceptance, consideration and approval of Major Subdivision applications within the unincorporated area of Lamar County, Georgia. Vice-Chairman Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Animal Shelter

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to move the location of the Lamar County Animal Shelter that is slated to be built using funds from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to the parcel of land, B11 004 on Roberta Drive that is closer to the Lamar County Bus Barn. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Administrators Report

County Administrator reported the following:

- i. Reported that the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) was paid off on November 10th, 2021. The total amount borrowed was \$973,081.88 with \$2,668.20 interest charged.
- ii. Expenditures are running at 88.33 percent and they should be at 77.6 percent.
- iii. Cash Flow is running above the forecast.
- iv. Reported that Keck+Wood had done a concept study to pave Possum Trot Road which includes, drainage, right of way width, reconstruction of Possum Trot Road from Parker Branch Road to Norris Road with full depth asphalt pavement, 11' travel

lanes, 1.3 miles of roadway improvements, extension of culvert on Parker Branch, and to construct upstream and downstream concrete headwalls. There are 20 parcels along Possum Trot Road and 15 driveways that would need to be rebuilt. The cost of the contract with Keck+Wood is \$2,783,000.00.

XVIII. Public Comments

Clifford Barber addressed the board again and thanked the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Barber said that he appreciated them and informed the board that they would be willing to help with the community's concerns.

XIX. Round Table

Commissioner Horton said that when the Braves won the World Series, he said, "Thank you Jesus." If we can get the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) out of the way he will still be saying "Thank you Jesus." Commissioner Horton thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Heiney said that he really appreciated, as a taxpayer and a property owner of the County, the hard work that County Administrator Townsend has done along with the Finance Team. If you look at the reports each month, they are a highly accurate forecast which shows a great deal of discipline from Accountant Colquitt and the entire Finance Department and this contributes to a well-managed County.

Commissioner Traylor reported that the 10-year plan for the TAN has been completed in 5 years and said that the amount of money spent on interest is money that can go back into the General Fund budget. Leadership starts at the top and all of the Departments Heads and the employees believe in County Administrator Townsend's ability to accomplish this goal.

Commissioner Thrash said that Lamar County has some of the greatest employees in the State of Georgia and said that County Administrator Townsend's leadership speaks volumes because the County is in the best shape since she has been a Commissioner. Commissioner Thrash thanked County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson and Accountant Colquitt for everything that they have done.

Commissioner Thrash announced that the Barnesville-Lamar County Christmas Parade would be held on December 4th, 2021. The applications for entry into the parade are available and encouraged everyone to bring the family and the kids out to the parade.

Chairman Glass re-iterated all of the comments that the Commissioners had shared and said that he wants to continue with the same focus. Chairman Glass reminded everyone to come out to The Community Church Service on November 24th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. which will be held at the Barnesville First United Methodist Church followed by the Annual Illumination Service with the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

XX. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Commissioner Traylor 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