

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
December 8th, 2021
3:30 p.m.**

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

Call to Order

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Bid from Builder's First Source-Courthouse

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the bid with Builder's First Source for the purchase of the Courthouse Windows for a cost of \$ 18,416.04. Vice-Chairman-Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bid from Blue Bear Restoration-Installation of Courthouse Windows

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the bid with Blue Bear Restoration for the installation of the Courthouse Windows for a cost of \$18,872.00. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Services (EMS) update.

Chairman Glass explained that during a recent conference call with the State they learned that Community Ambulance has the license and the zone permit for Lamar County. The license means that you are qualified to provide ambulance service in an area. The zone permit means that you have control of emergency services in that County. Since Community Ambulance owns the zone permit, they could decide if Lamar County can bring another ambulance service into the County. Community Ambulance has decided to release their zone permit for both Upson and Lamar County. The application period for a new zone permit begins on December 26th, 2021 and closes on January 5th, 2021. To apply for the zone permit you have to be a licensed ambulance service. Currently, the County does not have a license and because the County does not own trucks, they would need to obtain a license and contract with an ambulance service. They would also be in a competitive process with someone who has an existing service. Region 4 would review this and decide if the County gets the zone permit or if another ambulance service that has applied for the zone permit would get it. The goal is to have someone apply for the zone permit and take over by the middle of February.

County Administrator Townsend explained that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Emergency Ambulance Service has been put out for bid and the board will discuss at a

Workshop meeting on December 14th, 2021. The goal is for the County to obtain a zone permit and contract with an ambulance service.

Chairman Glass explained that there are three paramedics in the Fire Department that are authorized to dispense particular types of drugs such as Epinephrine Injections (EPI pens). Fire Chief Matthews has received a quote for a Lucas Device that they can use on cardiac arrest patients at a cost of around \$85,000.00. The County would also have to have Firemen that are also qualified to be a paramedic and there would be a cost in salaries if they decide to do this. Fire Chief Matthews said that this would be more work for the Firemen to incorporate but this would be what is best for the citizens. Chairman Glass explained that this would be an increase in the finances and staff. Fire Chief Matthews said that if they have a Fireman that is also a paramedic then that Fireman has to be taken off of the fire truck so that they can go to the hospital with the patient. Fire Chief Matthews said that if the County does have their own license, zone permit and ambulance service, with two trucks, then they will need at least twelve more employees. Chairman Glass said that they know that the ambulance service is a big concern of the citizens and they are looking at all avenues including minor treatments for the citizens.

Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Commissioner Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 5:12 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chair

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

:Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk