

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
February 15th, 2022**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, 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. Former Clerk of Superior Court Frank Abbott gave the Invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

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

IV. Minutes Approval

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

- i. Workshop Meeting-January 13th, 2022
- ii. Public Hearing Meeting-January 18th, 2022
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-January 18th, 2022

V. Black History Proclamation

Commissioner Horton read and presented a Black History Proclamation to the Lamar County NAACP. The theme for Black History Month 2022 is “Black Health and Wellness,” with special emphasis on healthcare access and improving wellness. The Lamar County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the month of February 2022 as “Black History Month.”

VI. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-01 First Reading Appendix A, Lamar County Development Amendments

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01 First Reading Appendix A, Lamar County Development Amendments. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Resolution Clarification and Change in Conditions to Special Exception Application 2021-02

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution Clarification and Change in Conditions to Special Exception Application 2021-02 with the following changes. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Conditions that were changed are as follows:

12. Fencing and buffers, as shown on the attached site plan, shall be maintained on each boundary of the subject property.

15. If 3 citations are received in a year a cease-and-desist order will be issued. The applicant may appeal as provided in Lamar County Code.

VIII. Amended contract with AmeriPro EMS

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the amended contract with AmeriPro EMS from \$44,225.00 to \$66,416.00 per month. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. De-Annexation of the Powell Place Apartments

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the De-Annexation of the Powell Place Apartments. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Purchase of a Software Program for the Magistrate Court

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the purchase of a Software Program for the Magistrate Court. The bid award will go to CJT for a cost of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. County Pavement Rating and Planning Evaluation for the Roads in the County

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the bid with EXP for \$23,000.00. for the County Pavement Rating and Planning Evaluation for the roads in the County. This will be used to determine what roads need to be paved with TSPLOST funds. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Tyler Technologies to Migrate the Financial Software from Incode 9 to Incode 10.

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the quote of \$25,420.00 with Tyler Technologies to Migrate the Financial Software from Incode 9 to Incode 10. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the quote of \$10,400.00 with Tyler Technologies for an Employee Self Services Model. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Surplus Vehicles-2014 Chevrolet Silverado

Commissioner Horton made a motion to surplus a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado Truck that belonged to the Public Works Department. The truck was totaled in an accident. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Horton amended his motion to include the Vin# 7406 for the 2014 Chevrolet Silverado Truck. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Sheriff Vehicles from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to approve the purchase of two Sheriff vehicles from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. 2022 Ford F-150 Responder Crew Cab
- ii. 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV

XV. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. Reported that revenues and expenses are 8.33 percent through the year. The Revenues are 2.43 percent and the expenses are 6.53 percent.
- ii. Reported that the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for January was \$134,170.35 which is the highest amount received to date.
- iii. Reported that the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for January was \$239,588.86 which is the highest amount received to date.
- iv. Reported that a Tax Anticipation Note will not be needed for the Year 2022.
- v. Reported that the back windows at the Courthouse had been installed and plans for new front windows are in place.
- vi. Reported that there is an upcoming kick-off meeting with Hogan Construction for the new Administration Building.
- vii. Reported that the repeaters for the High Falls Road tower will be installed around March or April.

XVI. Public Comments

Robert Pierce of 186 Pleasant Road Griffin, Georgia regarding his road. Mr. Pierce asked the board to consider him and other citizens when deciding to pave a road. Mr. Pierce requested that his road remain dirt because he does not want the excess traffic and he likes the peace and quiet.

Jennifer Eady of 104 Rosewood Court in Milner, Georgia in the Field Crest subdivision addressed the board regarding Mr. Rudy Vaughn's property and the Horse Track. She also had concerns about the winter buffer being planted and the noise level from a recent event.

Devin Bentley of 139 Bellflower Way, Milner, Georgia in the Field Crest subdivision addressed the board regarding a spotlight on the property of Mr. Rudy Vaughn and the noise level from a recent event. Mr. Bentley also addressed the board about the buffers and the fencing.

XVII. Round Table

Commissioner Horton thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He invited everyone to attend the Lamar Arts exhibit at the Old Train Depot.

Commissioner Traylor thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and supporting everyone and wished that the meetings were broadcast because it is a commitment for the Commissioners and the citizens to be there regardless of which side you are with any decision. He invited everyone to join the meetings via Zoom. Commissioner Traylor encouraged everyone to attend the Lamar Arts exhibit at the Old Train Depot. Commissioner Traylor also urged everyone to shop local because when purchases are made from places such as Amazon then the tax dollars stay in Lamar County. Commissioner Traylor requested that everyone thank the Administrative staff and the Lamar County employees for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Thrash thanked Mr. Pierce for thanking the County for the job that is done on his road. Commissioner Thrash also thanked AmeriPro EMS and everyone involved in the ambulance service process. Fire Chief Matthews fought for his team and he fought to build up the Fire Department. The Sheriff's Office has great leaders and employees. Commissioner Thrash said that this is where the tax dollars are going to and since she has been a Commissioner this is the first time the County has not been in the red. Commissioner Thrash encouraged everyone to come to the workshops and the meetings to see what they are doing with the tax dollars.

Chairman Glass said that he could remember when he started in 2011, they haggled over \$1,000.00 and they sweated over a \$5,000.00 contract. He said thanks to financial planning and help from all of the employees including the Former Clerk of Superior Court Abbott. the County is now in a position where they can do some planning without having to scramble to keep their heads above water. Hopefully, the citizens are seeing the services and the continued improvements as they keep moving forward. Chairman Glass said that the board has input on what their priorities are but they are here to serve the citizens and they need to know their priorities so please call, email, or come to the workshops and the meetings. Chairman Glass thanked everyone that came to the meeting tonight.

XVIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at approximately 8:11 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Robert Heiney, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk