

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting  
July 19th, 2022**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, 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 Pledge of Allegiance was said by all and the Invocation was given by Commissioner Horton.

**III. Recess for Public Hearing**

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

**IV. Reconvene the Public Hearing**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Business meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

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

**VI. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. Workshop Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ii. Public Hearing, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**VIII. Development Ordinance 2022-01**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to withdraw Development Ordinance 2022-01. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Development Ordinance 2022-06.**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the First Reading of Development Ordinance 2022-06. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

**X. 2022 Mutual Aid Agreement by and between the Fire Departments and the Lamar County Fire and Rescue**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the 2022 Mutual Aid Agreement by and between the Fire Departments and the Lamar County Fire and Rescue with the Spalding County Fire Department and Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital EMS.

**XI. Three Rivers Regional Transit Agreement**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Three Rivers Regional Transit Agreement for July 1, 2022-June 30th, 2023, for a total funding request of \$17,900.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

**XII. American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA)**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) Budget for a total cost of \$1,377,621.61. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Fire Truck Equipment from the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST)**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the purchase of Fire Truck Equipment from Ten-8 for a bid of \$ 37,146.85. The funds will come from the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST). Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion.

**XIV. 2022 Legislative Leadership Voting Delegate**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Commissioner Thrash as the 2022 Legislative Leadership Voting Delegate. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash abstained from the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**XV. Administrator's Report.**

- i. Reported that revenues over expenses for the month of June are at 50.25 percent.
- ii. Reported that the Cash Flow is doing well.
- iii. Reported that the renovations with the Recreation Gym including the air condition units and removing the bleachers have begun. The roof repair will begin next week.
- iv. Reported that he is waiting on the bids for the windows at the Courthouse.
- v. Reported that the installation of the repeater on High Falls Road is complete.
- vi. Reported conflicts with the engineers and architects regarding the roof at the new Administration building.

- vii. Reported that the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for June was \$139,959.53.
- viii. Reported that the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for June was \$249,927.78.
- ix. Reported that there were 171 EMS calls in June.
- x. Requested to advertise the rollback millage rate at 11.005 which will be under a mill and a half reduction.
- xi. Reported that there has been no update with the City of Barnesville sewer issue at the designated Animal Shelter location.

## **XVI. Public Comment**

Sam Waterman of 324 Taylor Street addressed the board regarding the Lamar County All-Star 12 U team who are going to the Word Series in Anderson, South Carolina. Three of the team members were in the audience to represent their team. Mr. Waterman has been coaching kids for over 20 years at the Lamar County Recreation Department and various schools and churches in Lamar County. He said that they have 11 families from diverse backgrounds and various levels of income. He referenced "IN GOD WE TRUST" when asking the Board of Commissioners to consider the future of the kids. He requested that the County donate funds for 11 players and the coaches to be able to travel to the game, eat, and stay in hotels. Mr. Waterman said that they had raised \$3,000.00 and requested that the County give \$5,000.00 to go towards the Lamar County All-Star 12 U team.

Clayton Andrews of 119 Mylee Cove addressed the board asking for funding help for the 11 boys to be able to travel to the World Series in South Carolina. Mr. Andrews was concerned that Recreation Lowe did not know what Lamar County could do to assist the players. Mr. Andrews said that they had gone to all the businesses in the community with a letter that Recreation Lowe had written regarding donations that could be given to the Recreation Department. He said that many of the businesses were not able to contribute. Mr. Andrews stated that they were leaving on July 26<sup>th</sup> and asked the board to contribute \$1,000.00 a piece for the 11 boys for a total of \$11,000.00. Mr. Andrews stated that he had spoken with City Manager Tim Turner regarding a contribution from the City of Barnesville and he told him that he had to go through the chain of command. Commissioner Horton explained that they could not just reach into the budget and pull out the money. He said that this should involve all of the municipalities and not just Lamar County.

Rick Stephenson of 184 Jones Road addressed the board. He said that they need someone else for the grass-cutting contract next year. Mr. Stephenson also suggested that they use The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money for the Recreation Department and the request that had been made for the Lamar County All-Star 12 U team. Chairman Glass stated that the intent of the CARES Act money was to be used for people outside and not gathered together as to prevent the spread of COVID. He said that if they used those funds for this purpose and it was not authorized then the Lamar County taxpayers would have to pay the funds back. Chairman Glass stated that they would work with Recreation Director Lowe and County Administrator Townsend to figure out what could be done. Chairman Glass said that he appreciated the kid's hard work and wanted them to be there to

represent Lamar County. Chairman Glass said he hoped that everyone could go and have a good time and wished them all much success.

**XVII. Round Table**

Commissioner Horton told the Lamar County Recreation All-Star 12 U team to keep their chins up and said it is not about how many times that you get knocked down but how many times you get back up. Commissioner Horton wished them congratulations.

Commissioner Thrash wished them Congratulations on their win and said she was very proud of them and what they have done for Lamar County.

Chairman Glass said that this is a historic event for Lamar County and told the team to hold their heads up and to be hopeful and confident representing Lamar County so that they could bring home a trophy.

**XVIII. Executive Session and Adjournment**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation at approximately 8:15 p.m. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Charles Glass, Chairman

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Robert Heiney, Vice-Chairman

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Bennie Horton, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

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