

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting  
August 16th, 2022**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 8:50 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. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. Budget Workshop Meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ii. Workshop Meeting-July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- iii. Public Hearing July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- iv. Regular Business Meeting July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**V. Proclamation**

Commissioner Thrash read a Proclamation recognizing the Lamar County 12 U All-Star Baseball Team.

**VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Development Ordinance 2022-06**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Development Ordinance 2022-06 as presented. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Ordinance 2022-07 Rezoning from Agricultural to Residential 2: Tax Map 044, Parcel 077 089 Hwy 36 East.**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07 Rezoning from

Agriculture to Residential 2 with a 2 acre minimum. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. Commissioner Thrash opposed the motion. The motion passed 2-1.

**VIII. Resolution 2022-12 Special Exception in Agriculture: Agritourism and Event Center: Tax Map 055, Parcel 008A, 383 Van Buren Road**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 Special Exception in Agriculture: Agritourism and Event Center: Tax Map 055, Parcel 008, 383 Van Buren Road Zoned Agritourism for Wedding/Event Venue, with the following conditions: the event shall have a maximum of 200 attendees, no overnight camping allowed, cease amplified sound at 8:00 p.m., any catering will follow local, state, and federal laws, they will pay for the traffic control on both ends of Van Buren because of the safety issues with events of more than 100 attendees. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Ordinance 2022-08 Rezoning from Agricultural-Residential to Commercial 1 for a utility substation (data center); Tax Map 031, Parcel 031 (Daniel and Paula Reeves)**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2022-08 Rezoning from Agricultural-Residential to Commercial 1 for a utility substation (data center); Tax Map 031, Parcel 031 (Daniel and Paula Reeves) with the following conditions: Commercial use of the property is limited only to a data center and all other commercial uses, either permissible or special exceptions, are prohibited, any outside cooling systems will be screened to help reduce any potential noise, the entrance to facility will be on Silver Dollar Road, the architectural structure shall be such to blend with the residences in the area, and the property shall be shielded from public view by 6 ft. privacy fence erected around the building. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Petition from Abbot Woods to be exempted from the Major Subdivision Moratorium.**

Due to the Moratorium being lifted, there was no vote necessary.

**XI. Construction Plans and Costs for the New Administration Building**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the construction plans and costs for the new Administration Building for a cost of \$2,995,857.00. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. New Administration Roof Bid**

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the new Administration Roof Bid from SIPM Roofing for a cost of \$139,708.80. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Award for ARPA Local Community Grant**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the request from Rebuild Lamar Inc. and award them \$25,000.00 in ARPA funds. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIX. Tractor Bid for Public Works**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the bid for the tractor for Public Works from Atlantic Southern Equipment, LLC for a cost of \$204,717.56. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XX. Purchase of Truck for Public Works**

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado truck for Public Works in the amount of \$78,918.00. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XXI. Administrators Report**

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. Expenditures for July are running around 60.17 percent and they should be at 58.33 percent.
- ii. LOST distribution received for July was \$147,095.82
- iii. SPLOST distribution received for July was \$262,670.94

**XXII. Public Comments**

Elaine Hallada of 131 Steeplechase Lane, Barnesville Georgia addressed the board about zoning in her subdivision.

Beverly Eskridge of 130 Holmes Street addressed the board about challenges and opportunities.

**XVI. Round Table**

There were no round table comments.

Vice-Chairman Heiney said that he would be glad to have a dove shoot in his yard and said he moved here from New York to have the type of lifestyle he has in Redbone, Georgia.

Commissioner Thrash clarified her intentions with Mrs. Hallada concerning a post on Social Media and a situation regarding a phone call to Mrs. Hallada.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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