

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
Administration Building
August 25th, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Chairman Glass called the Special Called Meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, and County Administrator Townsend. County Clerk Davidson was present for the meeting via Zoom.

EXP Presentation

Richard Swindell and Robert McCall with EXP gave a presentation on the recent road inventory that they did in the County and recommendations for the next steps that will need to be taken. He stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation used to go out and give recommendations on the conditions of the roads and what was needed to be done but now that they do not, many counties need assistance with this. Mr. Swindell and Mr. McCall are both retired from GDOT and formed this company to do this type of work. Mr. Swindell stated that the Federal Government is pushing GDOT to use pavement preservation and there are a lot of treatments that can be used on the roadways. The videos of the roadways can be used for pre-storm events and FEMA can actually reimburse on pre-event conditions. Mr. Swindell said that there is a 3 phase strategic approach that can be used for road treatments, resurfacing and long term road preservations based on the budget of Lamar County. The proposal for 207.509 miles of roadway also includes an excel spreadsheet labeled with each phase and individual project, estimated construction cost, and preservation techniques to extend the service life of routes. The scope and fee of the detailed project is not to exceed \$8,750.00. Any additional services will be provided based on a rate schedule provided to the County Administrator. The board discussed the future bidding process with the contract that will take place once they move towards the paving process with the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) and the Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funds. Chairman Glass suggested that the Request for Proposals (RFP's) go out prior to the October Regular Business Meeting so that the quotes can be voted on.

Resolution 2022-13 BOC Millage Rate

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23 BOC Millage Rate whereas the value of all taxable property in the County for 2022 as it appears on the digest thereof will be \$658,219,336; and the Lamar County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a millage rate of 11.005 mills for the 2022 tax year on all taxable property in the County, both within the unincorporated areas and municipalities located therein. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-14 LOST Millage Rate

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 LOST Millage Rate whereas Lamar County, both the unincorporated areas and the municipalities located therein, shall receive a 2.1533 mill roll-back for the local option sales tax leaving a net millage rate of 11.005 for 2022. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022--15 BOE Millage Rate

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 BOE Millage Rate whereas upon the recommendation of the Lamar County Board of Education it is ordered that upon \$666,298,168 the net value of all property taxable for educational purposes in Lamar County as shown on the digest thereof, there be and hereby is levied a tax, ad valorem, on all property in Lamar County, real and personal, for the year 2022 for Maintenance and Operation (M & O) educational purposes, in the amount of 15.101 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed valuation of the digest. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-16 Bond Repayment Millage Rate

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 BOE Bond Repayment Millage Rate whereas upon the recommendation of the Lamar County Board of Education, it is ordered that upon \$666,298,168, the value of all property taxable for educational purposes in Lamar County as shown on the digest thereof, there be and hereby is levied a tax, ad valorem, on all property in Lamar County, real and personal, for the year 2022 for bond repayment purposes, in the amount of 1.50 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed valuation of the digest. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-17 LOST NEGOTIATIONS

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-17 Lost Negotiations Authoring Lamar County, Georgia (County) to accept the Certificate of Distribution of Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) Proceeds for the following distributions occurring after January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2032: The City of Barnesville shall receive 38%, the City of Milner shall receive 4% , the City of Aldora shall receive 1% and the County of Lamar shall receive 57%. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussion

County Administrator Townsend reported there could be a possible tenant at the new Administration Building and stated that American Pie Pizza would like to extend their lease for 5 years.

Commissioner Thrash reported that she has received more phone calls from constituents asking for speed reductions. The board agreed to meet with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to get a better explanation of how speed limits are decided and agreed to put the explanation on the County website so the citizens will understand the process of how to change a speed limit.

Public Comments

Elaine Hallada of 131 Steeplechase Lane Barnesville, Georgia asked if the board was going to enforce Estate Residential zoning. Chairman Glass stated that it is already enforced and it will continue to be enforced. Chairman Glass added that there is nothing illegal about hunting. Mrs. Hallada stated that if they do not enforce the Estate Residential zoning laws then they are forcing her to go to court. Chairman Glass said that the County is doing what they need to do to enforce the current zoning laws.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into executive session at approximately 11:49 a.m. for litigation. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The board came out of executive session at 12:04 p.m. and resumed the Special Called meeting.

Continued Board Discussion

Commissioner Thrash expressed her desire to have input in the priority list of the road based on the findings from EXP. County Administrator Townsend and Chairman Glass both agreed that they look at their paving preservation recommendations and discussed their processes that could also get a lot more roadways done. The board agreed to give their road priorities to Public Works Director Rigdon so that he could put it into the master plan. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that he would like to give Bucksnot Road (Short Road in Butts County) to either Monroe County or Butts County. The board agreed to discuss the different avenues that they would have to take to accomplish this.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 12:20 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

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk