

Workshop Meeting
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
11-10-2022
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on November 10th, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

Rodeo Discussion

County Administrator Townsend was approached by Mr. Grant Parker is asking for exclusivity as to any event that occurs at the Ag Arena that would involve bronc riding or bull riding on an amateur or professional level and any other event such as team roping, barrel racing, horse shows, etc. for a certain number of years. Chairman Glass pointed out that there is a contract with the property across the street. County Attorney Mayfield advised the board that they cannot exclusively allow only one person or company to use the Ag Arena facility.

Purchase of Trucks-Maintenance, Recreation, and Building and Zoning

County Administrator Townsend presented three quotes from Jim Ellis Toyota for trucks that would belong to the Maintenance, Recreation, and Building and Zoning Departments. The 2022 Tacoma Truck was for a quote of \$29,971.00 for the Recreation Department, the 2023 Toyota Tacoma for a quote of \$35,785.00 for Code Enforcement, and the 2021 Toyota Tacoma for a quote of \$30,655.00 for Maintenance.

Regular Business Meeting Agenda Discussion

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation- Pastor Olivier Leaks with FreshManna Ministries
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Workshop Meeting October 13th, 2022
 - ii. Regular Business Meeting October 18th, 2022
 - iii. Budget Workshop Meeting October 25, 2022
6. 2022 Beer and Wine License Renewals
 - I. Renewal Beer and Wine Licenses
 - i. Arihant Stores, I, LLC.
 - a. Malt Beverage Pas0-\$500.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$500.00
 - ii. Honeywood Gardens
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$750.00
 - iii. The Rendezvous Goodwood, LLC.
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Pouring-\$750.00
 - iv. Deer Trail Country Club
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00

- v. The Goth Gardener, LLC.
 - a. Farm Winery/Tasting Room-\$500.00
- vi. V.F.W. Post 6542
 - a. Malt Beverage Pouring-\$750.00
 - b. Wine Pouring-\$750.00
- vii. C&B 2015 Inc.
 - a. Malt Beverage Package-\$500.00
 - b. Wine Package-\$500.00

7. Resolution 2022-20 Building Fee Schedule

The fees are calculated on base fees and total square footage. The requested changes are as follows:

- Residential-\$200.00 to \$300.00. (includes all new construction and all additions for single dwellings, including guest homes).
- Detached barns, sheds, garages, pole barns, greenhouses, etc. The fee is capped at \$500.00.
- Variances from \$300.00 to \$250.00.

8. Contract with Charles Abbott Associates reviewed by Attorney Mayfield. This is to utilize their services for Commercial and Industrial buildings and assist Code Enforcement with reviewing commercial plans, inspections, and engineering advice, and providing inspection reports on an as-needed basis. The County will compensate the consultant based on an outlined fee schedule. The board can choose to adopt its commercial fee schedule. Residential inspections will be charged at an hourly rate. Charles Abbott will provide proof of a Certificate of General Liability, Professional, Automobile Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance.

9. Probation Services Agreement-Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG).

This Agreement is made by and between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, with its principal Place of business hereinafter called "Contractor" for the Probate Court of Lamar County. The contractor shall create and maintain individual files for each offender receiving services from the contractor in accordance with this Agreement. The contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all files, records, and papers relative to the supervision of probationers under this Agreement. The contractor shall provide to the judge and governing authority with whom the contract or agreement was made and the board a monthly report, on or before the 10th day of the following month, summarizing the number of offenders under supervision; the amount of fines, and restitution collected; the amount of fees collected and the nature of such fees, including probation supervision fees, rehabilitation programming fees, electronic monitoring fees, drug or alcohol detection device fees, substance abuse or mental health evaluation or treatment fees, and drug testing fees; the number of community service hours performed by probationers under supervision; a listing of any other service for which a probationer was required to pay to attend; the number of offenders for whom supervision or rehabilitation has been terminated and the reason for the termination; and the number of warrants issued during the month, in such detail as requested. The contractor shall provide personal history, employment data, and location information to the court or law enforcement as necessary in tracking probation violators.

10. Request from Aldora to Annex Powell Place Apartments.

These are the apartments behind the Lamar County High School. The Town of Aldora has requested to annex these apartments and de-annex them from the City of Barnesville so they will have some population and can qualify for grants. The only difference is related to services and that is for Lamar County Sheriff's Department will need to provide law enforcement instead of the City of Barnesville.

11. Chairman Glass explained that there was a request to annex property from the City of Barnesville for the property on Johnstonville and Roberts Road. The parcel number is 060-018 and is 46.12 acres located in land lots 104, 121, and 122 of the 7th district. There has been no request from the property owners at this time and will not be on the November agenda.
12. Purchase Trucks-Recreation, Maintenance, and Building and Zoning.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to recess into executive session for litigation. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session and continued the Workshop meeting.

Administrator's Report-County Administrator Townsend

- Reported that expenses are around 83.33 percent and should be at 78.12 percent.
- Reported that all of the insulation has been removed from the gym and they should start spraying the foam insulation in the coming week. The bleachers are being assembled.
- Reported that they are 10 days behind on the Administration Building. They need to request a permit from the City of Barnesville.
- Reported that the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for October was \$132,550.99.
- Reported that the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for October was \$235,091.21.
- Reported that the Transportation Special Local Options Sales Tax (TSPLOST) distribution for October was \$215,855.17.
- Requested to add Juneteenth and Veterans Days to the Lamar County Holidays. The board agreed to table this discussion until next year.
- Requested to go to a Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy for vacation and sick leave. Reported that they will have to book sick time as a liability so PTO would be beneficial to the County.
- Discussed employees who work for some of the Constitutional Officers are not accurately reporting their vacation or sick time when they are out of work.
- Reported that he is looking at hiring a local County Extension Agent for \$36,000.00 a year.

Round Table

Chairman-Elect Traylor reported an issue with the parents that went to the World Series and coaches who received 1099's for the donated money they were given. They are now having to pay taxes on the donations that they were given. Coach Strong contacted him about the tournament fees. They have to collect \$7.00 for a gate fee from each parent and then the coaches have to write a personal check for all of this. The school system is against the coaches doing this so Coach Strong is no longer going to do this. He stated that the gate fee money should be collected by the Recreation Department and then they should write the total check for the gate fees. County Administrator Townsend stated that referees are also supposed to be getting 1099's because this is shown as revenue.

Chairman Glass stated that the IDA has 2 positions that are County appointed and the term for both expire December 31st, 2022. Erin Cook's term is expiring and she is willing to serve another term. Jimmy Matthew's term is also expiring and he does not want to serve another term. The County Chairman and the Barnesville Mayor will both serve as non-voting members of the IDA board. Chad Thompson and Tyler Young are both willing to serve.

Chairman Glass reported that there is a concrete plant being built at Legacy Park on about 6 acres and the money for this went against the loan. There is a contract on 10 acres to the North of this location that

should close in December and go against the loan. The amount should total about \$40,000.00 for both. The IDA also has a CD for around \$100,000.00 so essentially the IDA will be solvent once these two properties sale and it goes against the loan. Charles Glass said that in next year's budget for the IDA they may ask for \$5,000.00. The next phase of the sewer plan that the City of Barnesville has is to work on the drainage pipes on Forsyth Street on the other side of the Barnesville Civic Center. Phase II will work back toward the Recreation Department. These funds will come from SPLOST and ARP funds and GEFA and CDBG grants.

Commissioner Thrash reported that she would like to have breakfast with the Legislators before the current board leaves office.

Commissioner Thrash reported that she is not happy with the EXP contract because she does not like what she is seeing with their performance. Chairman Glass suggested that if they do not meet the desired dates in the contract that there be legal penalties. Commissioner Thrash said that paving begins in March and they will need to move on this. Chairman Glass said that he was expecting to approve the EXP contract in October. County Administrator Townsend said that the contract has to be signed before an RFP can go out.

Commissioner Thrash expressed her concerns about the animal shelter location. Chairman Glass stated that updating the lift station, at the proposed location behind the Town of Aldora, is not in Phase I or Phase II of their sewer plans. The board discussed going back to the location next to the bus barn or next to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff White expressed in the FY2023 budget workshop that he would like to move the location of the Sheriff's Office because of traffic concerns. Commissioner Thrash said that the neighbors are against having it next to the Public Works Facility. Commissioner Thrash suggested that they put it next to the Ag Arena and get it built. Commissioner Horton agreed that they need to get the animal shelter built because the project has been going on too long. Vice-Chairman Heiney asked if the details had been worked out and if \$400,000.00 was enough to build the animal shelter. Commissioner Thrash and Chairman Glass said that they have to build it because it is a SPLOST project. Commissioner Thrash requested that they authorize County Administrator to get facts and figures to build the animal shelter and then present this at the December Regular Business meeting. Vice-Chairman Heiney stated that the original plan was to have 28 spots to hold dogs and now it is down to 14 spots and he is not sure how this will be reasonable to house dogs. He said that once they open the animal shelter the City of Barnesville animal shelter will close. Chairman Glass said that the City of Barnesville has declined to go in with the County to build the animal shelter. The Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) agreement states that the City of Barnesville agreed to have an animal shelter. County Administrator Townsend said that there would be fines imposed for picking up dogs. Commissioner Thrash said that they need a small committee put together to move forward on building the animal shelter. County Administrator Townsend stated that if there was not enough money to pay for the design of the animal shelter, the \$250,000.00 designated in SPLOST would automatically go back into the General Fund because it is not feasible. Chairman-Elect Traylor said that he does not mind the animal shelter moving into January. He said that he has the original animal shelter drawing at his home that former Commissioner Baker gave him. Chairman-Elect Traylor said that he is passionate about the animal shelter but stated he did not do his due diligence on how the animal shelter will run and how much it will cost to get it built. He said that the adoption of dogs is important but housing 14 dogs are not realistic because you have to be able to expand. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that Chairman-Elect Traylor is going to be faced with a lot of things. The first thing that needs to happen is to build a Fire Station on the Northside of the County and that will cost a lot of money. The second thing is that at some point they are going to be faced with building a jail and that too will cost a lot of money. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that his taxes went up 30 percent and at some point, they may not be able to afford to live in Lamar County. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that he is not against dogs because he has rescue dogs but this project may not be feasible at this time in place in their financial

position. Vice-Chairman Heiney said that they run the risk of losing the next SPLOST election if they do not build the animal shelter. The board agreed to add the animal shelter location to the agenda.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at approximately 2:34 p.m. Commissioner Horton 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