

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson. The meeting was available via Zoom.

**II. County Administrator Townsend provided the FY 2023 Budget Guide Overview. The proposed General Fund budget for FY 2023 is \$13,998,436.00, representing a 3.03% increase compared to the FY 2022 budget.**

The Driving Factors for the budget increase are as follows:

- The Board is anticipating a 10% healthcare cost increase in July 2023.
- The Salary increase to retain and hire new employees is 10%.
- The Gas/Diesel increased to operate departments has increased.
- The County's liability insurance increased by 25% due to purchasing of new equipment and vehicles.
- The Public Transit has an increase of 79% (\$7,900.00) due to the lack of passengers.
- The Debt Service on the Bond for twenty years for the new Administration and Commissioners Offices at 790 Veterans Parkway.

County Administrator Townsend listed the other funds that affect the FY 2023 budget. The total FY 2023 Budget, including all funds, is \$21,300,583.00 and has to be included in the overall budget based on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules and regulations.

- The budget for the FY 2023 ARP Funds is \$1,499,396.00
- The budget for the FY 2023 Special Revenue Funds is \$532,755.00
- The budget for the Capital Improvement Funds is \$5,269,996.00

**III. Public Comments**

There were no comments regarding the Proposed FY 2023 Budget.

**IV. Round Table**

Chairman Glass suggested that the Workshop on December 15<sup>th</sup> begin at 2:30 p.m. following the Annual Employee Christmas luncheon. Chairman Glass discussed having a Special Called meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with two items, discussion with the Board of Elections and an annexation request from the City of Barnesville for property located on the south side of the intersection of Johnstonville and Roberts Road. If the annexation needs to be contested, the

Board of Commissioners will need to vote on it. Chairman Glass stated that he would be out of town for this meeting; therefore, Vice-Chairman Heiney would need to conduct the meeting. Chairman Glass stated that the only issue with the annexation is traffic. The Board discussed changing the retirement recognition from December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, to December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with the Regular Business starting at 7:00 p.m. County Clerk Davidson announced that the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is having a County and Citywide employee appreciation reception on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Thrash shared that the funeral for the Tax Commissioners late husband will be held on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. located in the Breedlove Memorial Chapel at the Williams-Westbury Funeral home. County Clerk Davidson announced that the County and Citywide barbeque luncheon would be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., located at the Barnesville City Park. Employees who wish to work on the float for the Christmas Parade, which will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., are welcome to do that instead of returning to work.

**V. Adjournment**

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 3:19 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