

Workshop Meeting
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
12-15-2022
2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. on December 15th, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

Animal Shelter

County Administrator Townsend presented three bids for the design of the animal shelter. One from Precision Planning for a cost of \$82,340.00, a second from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood for a cost of \$60,000, and the third one from Southern Classic for a cost of \$16,500.00. Southern Classic has done a lot of work for Jimmy Matthews with the Town of Aldora and Georgia Rural Water. The design includes having 14 runs for dogs, a dog room, and a dog quarantine & isolation space. There was a discussion about needing more cats in the animal shelter due to the limited space. The board discussed the importance of having a sound drainage system in place.

Regular Business Meeting Agenda Discussion

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Workshop Meeting November 10th, 2022
 - ii. Regular Business Meeting November 15th, 2022
 - iii. Joint Intergovernmental Agreement-SPLOST IV Meeting-November 16th, 2022
6. Retirement Recognition
7. FY2023 Annual Board Appointments

The board discussed adding the FY2023 Board Appointments to the agenda for January. The rotation for Vice-Chairman falls on District 3 in FY2023. Commissioner Thrash suggested that since the District 3 Commissioner is new along with the District 1 and District 2 Commissioners, that District 4 Commissioner Nancy Thrash become the Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman takes over if the Chairman is out or gets sick. Commissioner Thrash stated that a new Commissioner should not be placed in a position of running the County.
8. Board Appointments-Term Expires 12-31-22

Discussed adding The Industrial Authority Board to the December agenda. The Three Rivers Appointment and the E911 Committee will be voted on in FY2023.
9. Resolution 2022-23 FY 2023 Budget Approval

Reviewed the Resolution 2022-23 for the Budget Approval of the Lamar County General Appropriations Budget from General Fund for a total of \$13,998,436 and discussed the other funds that are included in the budget; ARP, SPLOST, TSPLOST, and Capital Project Funds total \$21,300,583.00.
10. Resolution 2022-24 Budget Amendment

Reviewed Resolution 2022-24 Budget Amendment, which increases the revenues/expenditures from \$5,987.00 to \$13,592,626.00.

11. Tax Assessors Board Approval

Discussed the reappointment of John Wayne Robinson for District 1 and Jere Moore for District 4, whose terms expire on 12-31-2022.

12. Resolution 2022-25

Resolution 2022-25 must be sent to the State and the Clerk of Superior Court to reappoint a Lamar County Board of Tax Assessors member. If approved, the language in the Resolution reads that John Wayne Robinson is hereby reappointed for a four-year term starting 1/1/2023 and expiring on 12/31/2026, and Jere Moore is hereby reappointed for six years beginning 1/1/2023 and expiring on 12/31/2028.

13. Animal Shelter

County Administrator Townsend presented an Animal Shelter Architecture Firm bid to the board. The three bids are Precision Planning, Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, and Southern Classic. The Staff has recommended the low bid from Southern Classic for a cost of \$16,500.00.

Administrator's Report-County Administrator Townsend

- Reported that the auditors are waiting on NFP to send over a report so that Human Resource Director Kilchriss can reconcile the Anthem Report.
- Reported that they are working on the bid for LMIG/TSPLOST.
- Reported on the Gym: The bleachers, goals, floors, and lights should be installed by the end of the year. They are waiting for the HVAC units to come in and are working on a drainage issue.
- Reported that the new Administration Building is under construction, and two dumpsters have been filled.
- Reported that they are working on the old Accountability Court so that the Mental Health Facility can occupy that building. They are installing a new handicapped bathroom, laminate wood flooring, and new tabletops. They should be able to move in mid-January.
- County Administrator Townsend participated in the Grand Jury inspection regarding having a new jail.

Executive Session

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to go into executive session for litigation at approximately 3:09 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 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting. 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