

Meeting Summary
Workshop Meeting
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
5/11/2023
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on May 11th, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, and County Clerk Davidson. County Administrator Townsend was absent for the meeting.

1. The board heard a presentation from Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Director Kathy Oxford regarding expectations of New Business, Workforce Development, Marketing and Economic Development.
2. The board heard concerns regarding an upcoming 4th of July Chamber of Commerce-ChowDown Buggytown” Event for 4th of July at the Recreation Department. The issues included alcohol on county owned property, shooting of fireworks at the Recreation Park, traffic and parking issues. The board did not decide on whether or not to hold the event.
3. The board heard concerns from Recreation Director Lowe regarding not having a Recreation Advisory Board to help her with decisions and issues that arise within the Recreation Department. The board heard concerns from Recreation Director Lowe regarding the pine trees around the playground area. The board heard concerns and a request from Recreation Director Lowe regarding traffic at the top of hill baseball field and having an easement of some type that would go into Redbud Drive to ease the flow of traffic in case of an emergency or some type of special egress for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
4. Tax Assessor Jeannie Haddock presented an understanding of the new assessment as it relates to the “Fair Market Value”. The assessed value is forty percent (40%) of the fair market or 100% value. If the fair market value of a property in this county is \$100,000 times .40(40%) to get the assessed value. The board has continuously used the rollback of the Local Option Sales Tax to determine the millage rate and for the last four years they have decreased the millage rate from 13.1570 down to 11.0050.
5. The board discussed the Coffey Road extension and the possibility of abandoning the road so that the County does not have to maintain that portion of the road.
6. The board discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Five Points Road.

The Board reviewed the Regular Business meeting agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Minutes Approval
 - i. Workshop Minutes April 23 2023
 - ii. Public Hearing April 18th, 2023
 - iii. Regular Business Meeting April 18th, 2023
 - iv. Special Called Meeting April 24th, 2023
 - v. Special Called Meeting May 2nd 2023
6. Lamar County 4-H Tech Changemakers -UGA Extension Octavia Jackson
7. Ordinance 2023-06 1st Reader-Transient Selling

The board discussed possible changes to the Transient Selling Ordinance including the following in the First Reader of the Transient Selling Ordinance.

- i. Monday and Special Events - Food Trucks
- ii. Transient Sells- Everyday all year long
- iii. Ice Cream Truck -Everyday all year long

8. Coffey Road Extension

9. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

10. Towaliga Judicial Budget

Commissioner Lovett requested to see more information regarding the increase in the Towaliga Judicial Budget prior to the meeting on Tuesday.

- i. Towaliga Judicial Budget

11. Safety Products-Matrix Message Board -Public Works

- i. Safety Products-Electronic Sign

This is for two mini-matrix message boards for a cost of \$17,275.00. These signs will be used when Public Works is working on the roads.

12. Board Appointments

- i. Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS)-Re-Appointment of Oliva Banks-Term Expires 6-30-2023
- ii. Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS)-Re-Appointment of Eddie Collier-Term Expires 6-30-2023
- iii. McIntosh Trail Community Service Board - Appointment of Jessica Traylor to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board filling the expired Term of Jeffery Stephens 6-30-2023
- iv. Lamar County Board of Health-Licensed Physician Actively Practicing in the County-Re-Appointment Lee Woodall-Term Expires 6-1-2023
- v. Region 4 West Georgia-Georgia Emergency Medical Services County-Re-Appointment-Douglas Matthews-Term Expires 6-30-2023

13. Administrator's Report

14. Public Comment

15. Round Table

16. Executive Session

- i. Real Estate
- ii. Litigation
- iii. Personnel

17. Adjournment

The board heard round table comments.

The board adjourned the Workshop meeting at approximately 3:42 p.m.