

Workshop Meeting
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
9/14/2023
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on September 14th, 2023. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson. The meeting was available via Zoom.

Lamar County Parks and Recreation Agreement

Recreation Director Lowe reported that fall soccer and football registration was up from previous years. There are 5 age groups in football and all of the teams have cheerleaders. There is soccer in all age groups. There are 4 fall softball and baseball teams which is new this year. This year the recreation coaches met with the Lamar County Middle and High School coaches in order to bridge the gap between the Middle and High School and Recreation sports. Recreation Director Lowe reported that this year, the Recreation Department is in charge of the Buggython Road Race. The proceeds go to help the Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club. Recreation Director Lowe presented a Rental Agreement for using the Recreation Department including the pavilion and the ball fields. The rent collected will provide revenue if they charge for the use of the park. They will also require that the renter have security on site at their events. Chairman Traylor said the drawback to having a rental agreement is that the citizens will say they pay taxes and should have free access to the park. He said he also agreed the special events in the County should have protection. Recreation Director Lowe said that the citizens pay school taxes but you cannot use their facilities at will without paying. Since they are an open park, if a family comes out on a Saturday, they can play ball but they do not line off the ball field for them. Recreation Director Lowe said a section for non-profit organizations is included in the agreement. There is also a section for liability requirements.

Lamar County Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation Director Lowe reported that Attorney Mayfield had seen the Advisory Board agreement. The Lamar County Recreation Advisory Board shall be comprised of five (5) board members appointed by the Lamar County Board of Commissioners. Each commissioner shall appoint one (1) Recreation board member for a one-year term (1) annually. Recreation Board members must be legal residents of Lamar County. Members will serve without pay. In addition to the five (5) member Recreation Board, one member of the Lamar County Commissioner board shall serve as an ex-officio member. After the initial establishment of the Recreation Board, members shall serve a one-year term (1) to run from January 1 to December 31 and after initial establishment the board members will be staggered based on the number of years that member can serve. The board discussed putting this on the October agenda for establishment approval and then a first and second reading of the Ordinance and an amendment of the County code in November and December of 2023. The board will take affect in January.

Courthouse After Hour Discussion

Chairman Traylor stated that there are utility and security costs for opening the Courthouse to the public and there has been a lack of consistency with how this has been handled. There has been a Republican and a Democratic Party meetings in the Courthouse along with other entities that were told no they could not use the Courthouse. The Sheriff will tell someone they have to have security if using the Courthouse after hours but he will also tell an entity that he does not have authority approval when it comes to using

the Courthouse after hours. Chairman Traylor suggested if an elected official uses the Courthouse, they are the contact person of record for that facility. County Clerk Davidson researched this and other counties do not allow other entities to use the Courthouse after hours. Commissioner Fletcher said that they need an official form in place for liabilities. Commissioner Gilles read the section in the Lamar County Code book Sec. 2-5-6. - Courtroom open for public use. "The Lamar County courtroom shall be open for public use upon advance written request of an individual, group or agency, so long as the board of commissioners or its designee has approved the use in writing. In the absence of a written and posted notice from the board specifying otherwise, the Lamar County Clerk/Administrator shall serve as the designee to approve the use of the courtroom. The board of commissioners or its designee may require reasonable bond to be posted to insure the safety of the courtroom during use; may require that the individual, group or agency post security guards during use; and may reasonably restrict the time and manner in which the courtroom is used. In no event shall any restrictions on courtroom usage be due to the race, creed, religion, national origin, status of age, status of disability, political or associational relationships of the individual, group or agency seeking use." Chairman Traylor said when this code was written it was intended for use within the open hours of the Courthouse and not after hours.

Commissioner Lovett said he believes that all groups should be allowed to use the Courthouse. The Sheriff is the keeper of the Courthouse. Chairman Traylor and County Administrator Townsend pointed out this is only for security and the building is the authority of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Fletcher said that he is the keeper of safety at the Courthouse. He said for an open and transparent government it does not matter what group meets there as long as are meeting on a civic behalf. The Sheriff makes everyone pay for security and it is not a burden to the citizens and should be open to all. The Courthouse is the center of the community. Chairman Traylor pointed out about the stains that have been made on the rugs in the Courthouse that have had to be replaced. Vice-Chair Thrash pointed out that the Courthouse has court records that are stored in the Courthouse and there is a potential for records to be sabotaged. The locks on the doors are old. She said she would hate to see a murder trail turned over on an appeal because someone came in and went into an office and jeopardized records. Chairman Traylor agreed security is required per the Sheriff but the Courthouse usage is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lovett said they need to follow a form like the Recreation Department and they need to have hired security through the Sheriff's Office. The board decided that approval of using the Courthouse needs to go through the Board of Commissioners office via a written request on an approved form.

Roofing Bid Proposals

County Administrator Townsend reported that he had received the following roofing bids. The funds will come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

<u>Companies</u>	<u>Flint Roofing Company</u>	<u>RyCars Construction</u>	<u>Certified Roofing</u>
Replacement Area B	\$87,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$ 74,572.81
Repairs Area A,C,D,E	\$23,300.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 58,231.90
Replacement Deck	\$ 22.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6,002.38

The Staff recommends Flynt Roofing of \$87,000.00

<u>Companies</u>	<u>Certified Roofing</u>	<u>RyCars Construction</u>
Replacement Area B	\$238,910.68	\$357,110.00
Repairs Area A,C,D,E	\$ 43,220.79	\$ 73,410.00

The Staff recommends Certified Roofing for \$239,910.68.

Chairman Traylor stated he met with Shanna English regarding the condition of the roof at the Old Jail Museum. The water is coming in through the roof and the windows. Chairman Traylor noted there are still windows at the Courthouse that need to be replaced. County Administrator Townsend stated there is an issue with getting the same type of historical windows that have the 6 x 6 pane.

GDOT-Bridges

County Administrator Townsend noted there is a need to assist in the replacement of the following three bridges. The local government’s portion of the right-of-way cost can range from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

- Van Buren Road (CR 217) over Little Towaliga River – TIER II
- Cannafax Farm Road (CR 51) over Little Potato Creek – TIER I
- Etheridge Mill Road (CR 77) over Potato Creek 2 mi W of Milner – TIER I

Tier 1 \$50,000.00 Utilizes offsite detour with candidate bridge restored in-place
 Tier 2 \$75,000.00 Likely on Site detour or potentially stage construction with greater footprint than tier 1
 Tier 3 \$ TBD (\$100,000.00 or as determined by Right of Way recommendation) Defined as more complex bridge replacement, (potentially offset alignment) with larger impacts than Tier 2.

LMIG-TSPLOST PHASE II

County Administrator Townsend explained this is Phase II of LMIG-TSPLOST based on the recommendation from EXP, the road contractor who did a study of all the roads in the County.

Commissioner Lovett led a discussion about removing the reflectors on the recently paved roads because the roads are not wide enough with the double reflectors. County Townsend stated the paving bid only required one reflector. Vice-Chair Thrash stated Pike County has no reflectors on their roads. There was discussion about whether having reflectors is a State requirement. Chairman Traylor said you can have double reflectors or no reflectors but you cannot have single reflectors. In the bid, they requested reflectors and based on the change in the State rules if you put down reflectors, they have to be double reflectors. County Administrator Townsend stated there could be a Federal Grant to widen the roads but right of ways will be taken if they do this. Commissioner Gilles stated she is not happy with the Microsurfacing. County Administrator Townsend stated they went with type of paving because it is supposed to preserve the roads for five to ten years. Chairman Traylor stated EXP aid by doing the Microsurfacing they are buying time because on some of these roads such as Van Buren Road, would have had to have had a complete reclamation.

<u>Route Name</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End Name</u>	<u>Construction Treatment</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Ingram Rd-paved section	Ramah Church Rd	County Line Rd	Asphalt hot mix construction	\$311,000.00
Ramah Church Rd	County Line Rd	SR18/US41	Asphalt hot mix construction	\$1,147,000.00

Funding for Paving Project	
Lamar County LMIG Funds	\$468,722.38
Matching Funds from TSPLOST	\$989,277.62
Total	\$1,458,000.00

Public Hearings

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the board, stating that there is one Public Hearing for a minor subdivision. A rezoning application from Kyle Johnson with a request to go from Agriculture to Residential 2 with a minor subdivision with a variance request for 10 lots. This is located on McLean Road, (Tax Map 007, Parcel 006). The end result was one Planning Commission member made a motion with recommended conditions but the motion died for lack of a second. There was no new motion therefore there is no formal recommendation from the Planning Commission. There were around 25 residents represented at the meeting. There is a family cemetery on the property and a lot of the family members voiced concerns about growth, traffic in the area and not being able to grieve in peace. There were also concerns with the flood plains on 4 of the lots; 7, 8, 9 and 10. There was also a revised plat regarding setbacks. Lot 1 has a 200 ft setback, lot 4 has a setback of 125 ft, lots 6, 5 2 and 3 have a 200 ft. setback, lots 7, 8 and 9 have setbacks of 125 ft and lot 10 has a setback of 150. The Public Hearing will start at 6:30 p.m. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that you must have 10 acres to have a flag lot however this property is already shaped as a flag lot; 5 acres and is family property that through a judicial degree was divided up years ago. On the tract of land to the left there are several other 4 acre tracts that are still legal existing lots and once this application came in, she realized the lots to the left, that the applicant does not own, are still legal lots but they have zero access. Including in this application, if approved, is a 5 acre tract and they would give access to the land locked property directly Left of them.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that anything under acres needs a rezoning. Typically, you do not have an existing lot that goes across a road like this one does and has for many years. Mr. Johnson has purchased the entire tract of land which is a little over 28 acres. You have a rezoning because lots 1-9 are under the five acres. Should it be rezoned to Residential 2, in a minor subdivision, the Development Ordinance states that if you do more than 5 lots on a County road, you must put in an interior road. Mr. Johnson is also asking for a variance for this as well. You are limiting your access points onto the County road; not driveway, driveway, driveway. On the revised plat he is also combining curb cuts so the lots would have the same entrance at the property line. This is multiple combined curb cuts.

Commissioner Gilles said that this will bring extra traffic onto the road and also the family has a right to peace in the family cemetery but asked at what point do they draw that line. She said they need to look at minor subdivisions, especially with the road frontage. Commissioner Gilles said that they need to get this in the Comprehensive Plan. She also suggested that they do a moratorium on minor subdivisions so they can look at road frontage. Commissioner Gilles said she did not like the flood plain and issues with access to the cemetery. Chairman Traylor said they need to look at how they can keep the peace of driving down a County road without so many driveways. Commissioner Gilles said they also need to look at the setbacks.

Camp Road Discussion

County Administrator Townsend stated every road around Camp Road has a “no thru truck”. So, trucks are breaking the law to get to Camp Road. They need to make Camp Road a “no thru truck” road. The board agreed to add an Ordinance for Camp Road to the agenda.

Grant Discussion

County Administrator Townsend stated that they had received a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) roadside enhancement grant. The project in mind was right of way landscaping at the new Administration Office. The Grant is for \$50,000.00. There is a matching fund that goes along with this grant. Commissioner Gilles stated that she would like for the project be to go towards acquiring a dumpster outside of Jordan Lumber. County Clerk Davidson explained that this grant was called the “Keep Georgia Beautiful Grant” or BRACE and that only counties or cities with a population of less than 2500 would be considered. Chairman Traylor stated that to put a dumpster in this location would be a free for all for everyone. Jordan had a dumpster but it was a problem so now they are in the process of installing cameras. Commissioner Lovett is working with County Administrator Townsend on a tire grant. County Administrator Townsend said that he and Public Works Director or working on a plan where people can bring in tires on a Friday or a Saturday and they can send them over to Jackson.

Other Discussion

Chairman Traylor stated that the Public Hearing for Rezoning will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Regular Business meeting may require additional chairs because of additional people. Because of the anticipated crowd, the Sheriff will have additional deputies at the meeting. Chairman Traylor noted that the integrity of the meeting still needs to be preserved. He said that this is not a Town Hall Meeting or a backyard brawl. Any questions need to be asked as a question and not as a statement or any type of political campaign. Chairman Traylor said that anyone in the room making outburst will be escorted out of the meeting by the Sheriff. If any threatening comments are made, they will prosecute those accordingly.

Commissioner Lovett proposed to move the update from the Solid Waste Authority to after the Public Comment section of the meeting. Chairman Traylor stated that this is a presentation and they did not need to change the Regular Business Meeting agenda format. Commissioner Lovett said he wanted to make the public feels as if they are listened to because they are coming to the meeting. He said he did not want to have a presentation and then ask questions. Chairman Traylor suggested they present this with consistently. He suggested Commissioner Lovett get the questions from the constituents and then send those questions to Solid Waste Authority Director Johnny Poore so he includes them in his presentation. Commissioner Lovett said they need to get the County business done before the Solid Waste Authority presentation.

Chairman Traylor stated several counties do not do Public Comments in the Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Lovett said that Public Comments is one of things that is vital to the community because if they are passionate enough to come to a meeting and put their name out there and say where they live, he feels duty bound to listen to them. Commissioner Fletcher said it is always good to listen but you have to make sure they are not getting up there and bashing and being inappropriate. Commissioner Lovett said that all though the public comments may have been tense he does not feel anyone has said anything where they have to be removed by law and he believes in the public forum. Chairman Traylor said this is a business meeting and public comments provide an opportunity to hear things they did not think about or know was going on. Chairman Traylor agreed to move the Solid Waste Authority presentation to after the Administration Report.

Commissioner Gilles said Mr. Poore has been skimming over the answers and she wants a yes or no concrete answer. Vice-Chair Thrash said it is hard to get an answer from Mr. Poore, you ask him what time it is and he tells you how to build a watch. It is hard to get a yes or no answer because he wants to

tell you everything. Commissioner Gilles said she has sat in the meetings for five years and she can almost present the presentation. Chairman Traylor said this is not a court room but a presentation. He said they need to get the questions to the board so they can get them to the Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Gilles said the people asking questions may feel that he is defensive or against something when they just want an answer. Vice-Chairman Thrash said when you get an answer and it is twisted or just opposite from what is told that does not help either. Commissioner Lovett said this is the reason for the opportunity to clear the air in a public forum. Commissioner Gilles said that the Board of Commissioner did co-sign the loan with the Solid Waste Authority and asked why they could not do a joint town hall meeting. Chairman Traylor said if there was a request for a town hall meeting this is a Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Gilles said that there was a request made. Chairman Traylor asked was the request made to the Solid Waste Authority. Vice-Chair Thrash said that it was demanded on the destruction page. Chairman Traylor said that the Solid Waste Authority could decide whether or not to have a Town Hall meeting but they are deciding about the Regular Business Meeting.

Regular Business Meeting Review and Discussion

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation-Bishop LaDamiun D. Raines with Greater Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Proclamations
 - i. National Senior Center Month
 - ii. Lamar County Bullying Prevention Month
6. Minutes Approval
 - i. August 3rd, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - ii. August 15th, 2023 Public Hearing-Millage Rate
 - iii. August 15th, 2023 Public Hearing-Special Exception by Paul Frady and Holly Graves
 - iv. August 15th, 2023 Regular Business Meeting Minutes
7. Rezoning and Minor Subdivision-McLean Road Parcel 007-006
 - i. Ordinance 2023-14
8. Minor Subdivision-McLean Road Parcel 007-006
 - i. Resolution 2023-14
9. Budget Amendment
 - i. Resolution 2023-15
 - ii. Budget Amendment
10. Ordinance 2023-15 Camp Road
 - i. First Reading Ordinance 2023-15
11. Public Facility Board
 - i. Public Facility Board Appointment and Reappointment

12. FY 2024 LMIG
 - i. FY2024 LMIG
13. GDOT Bridges
 - i. GDOT BRIDGES
14. Roofing Bids
 - i. Courthouse Roof
 - ii. Sheriff's Office and Jail Roof
15. Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)
 - i. Resolution 2023-16
16. Administrator's Report
 - i. September Administrator's Report
 - GDOT on Hwy 36 and Hwy 341 will be installing a redlight
 - GDOT will do a study on Atlanta Street and the lane coming onto Hwy 341.
 - GDOT will do a study on Hwy 341 and John Deere Tractor
 - GDOT will do a study on Zebulon Road and Zebulon Street
 - GDOT will do a study on Hwy 341 and Five Points Road
 - GDOT is doing a study at Hwy 36 and Barnesville Road
 - GDOT will re-deck a bridge in Milner.
17. Update from Solid Waste Authority
18. Public Comment

The board discussed removing the Commissioner Comments from the agenda and addressing Public Comments.
19. Round Table
20. Executive Session
 - i. Real Estate
 - ii. Litigation
 - iii. Personnel
21. Adjournment

Public Comments

Diane Perry of 101 Maple Drive addressed the board with the following questions:

1. Thanked the board for getting a Recreation Advisory Board in place.
2. Asked when the gym was going to be completed; what is the over cost, the additional repairs, the inspections, when will they receive a Certificate of Occupancy for the building, and when will there be a grand opening?

Chairman Traylor stated that County Administrator Townsend could follow up on this. County Administrator Townsend stated that they had to change concrete companies because the Fire Marshall said they had to have an escape sidewalk from the Gym to the Health Department.

They had one guy that was supposed to come and by the end of the week he was not there. County Administrator Townsend stated there has been a lot of rain in the last month and he was trying to catch up with his work. Fire Chief Matthews is working with the Fire Marshall on the bleachers. There is no ETA at this time. He has all the lights relabeled and all the electrical recommendations have been done. They are now waiting on the concrete.

3. What is happening with the Animal Shelter? The groundbreaking was in February.

Chairman Traylor responded that there was an issue with the septic tank. The good news is they do not have to have the \$80,000.00 lift system. They were able to find ground that would perk. So, now they can do an affordable septic system. They put this out to bid and only got one bid for over \$1,000,00.00 dollars. Mrs. Perry asked how much money was in reserve with all of the fund raisers. Chairman Traylor said that County Administrator Townsend has a Request for Qualification (RFQ) that is posted on the website. He said they could have gone and taken in house and been the County's on contractor hiring sub-contractors. However, this is a large project, so instead of taking on this with limited staff, they requested a general contractor submit an RFQ. Chairman Traylor stated this will cost between \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. That contractor will assist throughout the project and the County will take on the responsibility and ownership. The RFQ cut out the asphalt around the Animal Shelter along with the concrete requirements. County Administrator Townsend said they had one contractor give a bid of \$410,000.00. This new RFQ is due October 6th, 2023. Mrs. Perry asked if the local contractor would make sure the sub-contractors are certified like happened at the gym. Chairman Traylor said that all the tradesman were certified if he was not mistaken. The idea is that having this general contractor is to make sure this does not happen.

4. Mrs. Perry inquired about the roofing bids. She said being in the insurance business, she recommends with Worker's Compensation and Liability they make sure their Insurance Plan is in effect. County Administrator Townsend said that they could look at the website to see what he had posted in regards to the RFQ. He said when they started with the Gym renovation, it was a maintenance contract and it turned into something larger; such as the air conditioners and the concrete. County Administrator Townsend said that the roof was supposed to have been maintenance. He said with the insulation issue and talk with the Association of County Commissioners, they recommended having a General Contractor but said that down the road they would have had to do a single bid anyway. Not many general contractors would give you a bid on everything; flooring, roof and air conditioning. County Administrator Townsend said that flooring is different than major contractors work with but a new Gym they would have jumped on it in a heartbeat.

Kent Kingsley addressed the board. Mr. Kingsley addressed the follows;

1. He strongly encouraged them to look at the Tax Assessors map regarding the rezoning request. He said the four flood plains should not be four lots.
2. He asked for them to look at the surrounding area; all of those lots are going to be the smallest parcels anywhere around. He said that you are chopping up lots.
3. Mr. Kingsley said that the contractor conceded to raise the minimum square footage to 1650 to 1750. He said that you have to do this because it has to be pay its way because of the increased number of residents. He said that you could combine the flag lot, number one, then you are going to meet the 10 acre requirement. Chairman Traylor stated that the applicant had not purchased that property. Mr. Kingsley said that according to the Tax Assessor Map it is all apart of one tract of property; the 28 acres. He said that if you combine those two lots then you have solved the flag lot issue and not created another flag lot.

4. Mr. Kingsley said that the contractor that cuts the roadways is also hired to pick up the trash and asked if they are also supposed to pick up discarded tires. Chairman Traylor said that he did not know the answer but he assumed that the County picks up the tires. Mr. Kingsley said that they were not picked up on Steele Road, Morgan Dairy, or Weldon Lake Road
5. Mr. Kingsley suggested that he be careful about how he words his warning about continuous items at the next meeting. He said that when he was the Chairman he would say to “please sit down”. He said that the Board of Education meetings in Virginia that were seen on the news was because the board was trying to stifle everything. He needs to be very careful about how he words it because you do not want to look like it is “us versus them”.

Elaine Hallada addressed the board. Mrs. Hallada was concerned about the Solid Waste Authority. She said it all started when she got up to ask about being turned away from the dump on a Saturday. She did not even know that the County co-signed on a Solid Waste Authority note or that the project was supposed to be finished in 2017. She did not know that they asked for a 27.5 million dollar loan. She asked for Open Records Request for all of the GEFA reports and there are some very complicated accounting decisions that need to be brought to light. Mrs. Hallada asked to meet with Mr. Poore as a concerned citizen and he put on his “little dog and pony show” with his little thing of gas and a piece of char. Mrs. Hallada said that he made that up for his presentation. He came and brought the same show to the Rotary Club. It was supposed to be turned on in 2017, July 22, because that is her birthday; the AmWaste contract said that it had to be done by then and it is not done. It is not done and at some time the umbilical cord needs to be cut. It is now a community concern and it is not about the contract with AmWaste. She thinks that they made the deal with AmWaste to cover themselves. There is no Solid to Waste to Energy project. Mrs. Hallada went on to ask, “What did 23 million dollars get spent on?”. She said that they asked for a Town Hall meeting and now today they said that questions should be sent to their Commissioners. She said that Mr. Poore does not deserve questions ahead of time because this is not an open book exam. Mrs. Hallada said he is the biggest con talker in the world and he will have an answer to the questions which will not answer their questions. Mr. Poore sent her an email that said, “I have instructions from the members on the Solid Waste Authority board along with the County Attorney not to have any tours at this time because I have to concentrate and finish the contract by December 1st, 2023.” Mrs. Hallada said they would not be at the meeting if Mr. Poore would have let them meet with him because they had all of their questions ready for him.

Mike Perry addressed the board and said that because the board has limited the citizens to questions and comments to not be able to question or comment the Solid Waste Authority Board, he is asking for a Town Hall meeting following the Regular Business Meeting in the courthouse. He said they asked to meet with the Solid Waste Authority Board and have their questions answered. However, they never published when they have meetings and they have no way of coming to them to that board meeting to answer their questions or getting clarifications; sunshine laws. Mr. Perry asked when they would get their answer about a Town Hall meeting. Chairman Traylor said as of right now, there is no plan for a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday night. Mr. Perry said they are requesting one. Chairman Traylor said this time at that particular meeting it is not a good thing. Chairman Traylor said Mr. Poore may not be able to do it. He said that they will keep what they have in place for the Regular Business meeting and going forward they can make a request to the Solid Waste Authority to have a Town Hall meeting.

Commissioner Gilles asked who they would need to make the request to the Solid Waste Authority. Chairman Traylor responded Vice-Chair Thrash is the Chair of the Solid Waste Authority

board so the request would be made to her. Commissioner Lovett said that those that live in his District can direct the questions to him and he will get the answers for this meeting.

Elaine Hallada said that the questions will go to Solid Waste Authority Director Poore ahead a time so it is still like an open book exam. Commissioner Lovett says as the Director of the Solid Waste Authority he should know the answers to every question that you ask and if does not he can get back with them. Mr. Perry asked Vice-Chair Thrash why they could not come to the Solid Waste Authority board meetings. She said that they are invited to the meetings and they are posted on the front door every time they have a meeting. Commissioner Gilles said that they are supposed to advertise the meeting one day prior to the meeting.

Elaine Hallada said there were over 100 signatures requesting a Forensic Audit and upon presenting the list to Chairman Traylor she noted he had also signed it. Chairman Traylor said when he signed the petition it was to get more information not for a request for a forensic audit. Elaine Hallada and Commissioner Gilles said it says "Request for a Forensic Audit" at the top of the page.

Truman Boyle said he spoke to a senior inspector at GDOT and he told him if the lane is 8 or 10 ft or less you only have to have one reflector down the center of the road. Commissioner Lovett requested that County Administrator Townsend follow up with EXP about the reflectors. Mr. Boyle said there are no requirements about the reflectors, they are recommendations. He said that other counties only have one reflector down the road. He said as a crash investigator and they love to get in people's pockets. Mr. Boyle said he sees a problem with the roads in Lamar County and the reflectors.

Chairman Traylor addressed Mrs. Hallada. He said he has a good memory and when the sheet for the Forensic Audit was going around the comment was made that if you would like to get more information, and he admits he did not read the top paragraph, to know what is going on to please sign the sheet. He said if this is the statement that was made then it was misleading.

Round Table

Commissioner Lovett invited everyone to the Buggy Days Festival.

Commissioner Gilles said to grab a snow cone and support the 4-H at the Buggy Days Festival.

Chairman Traylor said that Buggy Days brings a lot of people that spend money in the Community. A lot of organizations use the money to support their clubs. He said that he and his son is hosting the car show next to the old Hardee's. The car show has gained a lot of interest with people wanting to bring their cars. Chairman Traylor asked that everyone come out and support Buggy days and have a good time.

Mr. Boyle said that the little fire truck, a 74 dodge truck power wagon, has been restored by Ms. Marion Dunn and he would love for the Board of Commissioners to honor her because she and her husband paid for it to be restored out of her private funds. She is not asking to be recognized but Mr. Boyle is requesting it. Chairman Traylor said that he would try to take a photo but requested someone to do it and send it to him.

Vice-Chair Thrash said that December 9th, 2023 is the Christmas Parade.

Mrs. Perry said that she had a question for Vice-Chair Thrash. Chairman Traylor requested she get with Vice-Chair Thrash after the meeting.

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion at approximately 3:37 p.m. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrold Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk