



LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Administration Building

November 08, 2023, 12:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:36 a.m. on October 31, 2023 . Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

NFP-Jonathan Shaw

Jonathan Shaw, the insurance broker with NPF, addressed the board via Zoom. Mr. Shaw said there were concerns about having a full-time dedicated person to handle the insurance. Mr. Shaw said he did not believe they needed a full-time person to handle the insurance. He said there is a one-line of contact provided for members by Allied and Allstate that is easy to navigate. However, the employee must go through procedures to make sure their hospital claim is covered. They also must see if their doctor is covered in the PCHS network, and if not, extra steps with Allstate must be taken. Mr. Shaw said they did have an ongoing issue with an employee being covered. Allstate has a verbal confirmation from the doctor, but the employee states the doctor was never contacted. Mr. Shaw said they are working on this issue. The employees must be aware of the changes and the fee schedules when they receive their insurance card.

Commissioner Lovett addressed Mr. Shaw regarding their conversation about needing a dedicated person to handle the insurance. Mr. Shaw said not every employee will need assistance; therefore, he does not feel that having a dedicated person is a full-time job. Commissioner Lovett was concerned with the 12-month learning curve and thought having someone internally to assist with various situations might be a good idea. Mr. Shaw said the primary job of the 1-800 number is to oversee and facilitate any issues with coverage, including forms and bills. Mr. Shaw said as a fiduciary, having a dedicated person would make his life easier, but it would probably be best to keep that cost in-house for other County activities. Commissioner Lovett noted Monroe County's experience with this type of insurance is not a win for Mr. Shaw, and he needs a win with this new PCHS type of plan.

Vice-Chair Thrash asked if they would be covered if someone was out of town and had an emergency. Mr. Shaw said emergency doctor visits and hospitals are no longer "in-network." Everything is a single case agreement and is relative to what Medicare pays. There is no emergency or hospital "in-network," and employees are not confined to specific hospitals or providers. There is no pre-authorization or pre-billing coverage. He said this is where the

savings come in with balance billings. They want balance billing to occur because the excess that the provider is trying to get from the member is above and beyond the Medicare rate. The employer gets a bill and Allstate negotiates down the bill. He said they have had 100 percent success rates with negotiating the balance billing. Mr. Shaw said claims are handled differently in emergency situations because there is no pricing agreement.

Commissioner Fletcher asked about out-of-state doctors or emergency visits. Mr. Shaw said this is the same principle, but if they need to see a doctor, contacting Allstate in advance will help the process go smoother rather than just showing up to a doctor. Mr. Shaw said there are two buckets for doctors and hospitals and one for emergencies.

No Thru Trucks-Morgan Dairy Road

Jimmy Taylor with Southeastern Tank Lines, LLC, Matt Wimpy with M/J Propane, LLC, and other Propane and Tank Line Companies were present for the meeting. Mr. Taylor addressed the board. Mr. Taylor said the Ordinance in Spalding County is blocking the trucks from leaving Dixie Pipeline and traveling North through Spalding County to get access to Hwy 16. Vice-Chair Thrash said when traveling out of Lamar County into Spalding County, as you enter Orchard Hill, Spalding County recently paved that portion of the road. She said she spoke to Commissioner Dutton for Spalding County and he told her this has always been a "no thru truck" route, and they are enforcing it now because they paved the road. No one wants their roads torn up after the road has been paved, but the issue is that some drivers have to travel 45 minutes to an hour out of their way which adds to their route. They were going out to hit Highway 16 to get to I-75. Vice-Chair Thrash said Spalding County is not interested in negotiating this issue. Vice-Chair Thrash said they have one of the top three taxpayers in Lamar County that service companies throughout the entire State, which is causing a huge inconvenience and a financial burden on some of these companies. She said one would say that because Spalding County paved their road and they are enforcing a "no thru truck" rule, that is not Lamar County's problem. Vice-Chair Thrash said this is affecting one of the largest taxpayers in Lamar County and the drivers that are coming into the community.

Commissioner Lovett said every County road in Spalding County is a "no thru truck" road. They said when the State Legislature increased the truck weight to 88,000 lbs. and did not increase their LMIG funds they passed an Ordinance that said every County road is a "no thru truck" unless you have a permitted load to stop on that road. Vice-Chair Thrash asked to define what is a "no thru truck." Commissioner Lovett said if you do not have a bill of lading that says wherever you start you have to stop somewhere. The road in question is Old 41 Hwy, and no matter where you start, if you stop on that road, you are not a "no thru truck." However, for example, if you go from Caterpillar to Ranew, which you would have traditionally used, they can no longer use that path. Now, State roads must be used for transportation.

Mr. Taylor said they briefly spoke to Commissioner Dutton and are unwilling to budge on their "no thru truck" road rules. Mr. Taylor said the biggest issue is the safety factor. The loads that are going North bound from the terminal towards Atlanta, and North Georgia, Athens and Gainesville, used to travel the Old 41 Hwy route because it was the safest. Mr. Taylor said they have used the route for decades and it was initially built as a U.S. Highway. It has the infrastructure and the design to carry that weight. He said Commissioner Dutton was comparing this road to a tar and gravel road, and their trucks were breaking his road like glass. Mr. Taylor said this road was designed for loaded trucks and has received minimal maintenance over the years. Since this road has been repaved, it is the perfect highway, especially for their use. Mr. Taylor said they had access to this six-mile stretch from the

County line to Hwy 16. If they are relegated to run the roads in Lamar County, they will be put back on tar and gravel roads and forced to use the southern part of Old Macon Highway south of the Dixie Pipeline. This road has a deficient bridge along with the safety issues of crossing onto the four-lane by-pass, Hwy 41. The trucks will have to make a left turn across a divided four-lane and go down to Hwy 36 truck route and make another left turn across lanes of traffic and continue to Hwy 36 and go back up to I-75.

Mr. Taylor said they traveled the road for 60 years to the terminal in Milner, Georgia, and the trucks were heavier. He said schools, chicken houses, mom and pop stores, nursing homes and farmers, and residential homes use propane for heat. He said there is a shortage of people with CDL licenses to drive the trucks, and if there is bad weather, it becomes a big concern. When they add 45 minutes to the route, the driver will haul fewer loads, and the customers will suffer.

Chairman Traylor said the end user must bear the cost for this. He said that the State versus the County. Vice-Chair Thrash said that she fought the increase in truck weights for four years. She said other counties in the State will start closing their County roads to trucks. They have to repave the roads because some industries carry heavier loads. Sheriff White does not recommend opening Morgan Dairy Road, and currently, the trucks are going down McKenzie Road to Hwy 41. Vice-Chair Thrash said Lamar County does not have the revenue or the digest to support repairing the roads. Vice-Chair Thrash said she has yet to hear back from Representative David Knight and needs to speak to Representative Beth Camp, but she feels like this will end up at the Gold Dome. Vice-Chair Thrash said this issue will be all over the State.

Mr. Taylor said they are interstate carriers and are still at 80,000 lbs. They are not hauling larger loads across the roads and doing nothing different from what they have always done. He said wintertime nights are longer and the weather is worser. They will make these turns on the four-lane roads in the night, rain, fog, snow, and ice, so he asked that they not miss the safety issue. Chairman Traylor announced that on Hwy 41, where you turn left onto Liz Acres Road to get to Hwy 36, the Georgia Department of Transportation is working on putting up a Red Light.

Former Representative Johnnie Caldwell was present as a legal counsel for the propane companies. He said there is situation where it is impeding interstate commerce. However, they have other roads to use so something may have to be done legislatively. Mr. Caldwell said every County will end up limiting County road access but you have to let them in and out of their terminal. Chairman Traylor said there is no access because Morgan Dairy and McKenzie Roads are "no thru truck" roads. Mr. Caldwell said they could still get to another highway. There is a terminal in your County that has a bill of lading. Vice-Chair Thrash said they need legal clarification on Lamar County's stand.

John Jessup, President and CEO of the Southeast Propane Alliance, said he represents North and South Georgia. He said the pipeline starts in Mt. Belvieu, Texas and goes into Apex, North Carolina. He said in the Milner, Georgia terminal, the trucks are loaded; three, 90,000 tanks and twelve, 677 loads last year. If they start in one County, and they squeeze them onto another County, then the next County will not allow them on their roads and it becomes contagious. Therefore, they will not be able to get propane to anyone and he needs to know where they are headed with this. They may be forced to go to the Gold Dome. Mr. Taylor said the Milner, Georgia terminal is actually land locked on County roads. He said because Old Macon Hwy is a County road, they do not have access from a State Road.

Vice-Chair Thrash said in Lamar County, the logging trucks obtain a permit, and they give them a route to follow. The legislation states they have to give them the easiest route to get to the main source. She said this is different because this is the daily work for the propane companies. Mr. Traylor said propane companies are not eligible to buy a permit because they are not picking up or delivering in Spalding County. This is only for deliveries or loads originating in Spalding County. Vice-Chair Thrash said counties are mad about the truck weight increase being passed.

Chairman Traylor encouraged the propane companies to visit the Chevron Station on Hwy 41 in Lamar County to purchase gas rather than buying gas in Spalding County. He said they understand the propane companies' situation and will work to rectify the issue. Mr. Taylor stated when the terminal in Milner, Georgia, was built, the old U.S. Hwy 41 was a State road, but when the interstate was finished, it was designated a County road. He wondered if the State could designate this as a State road again so the propane companies could use it or have the road grandfathered in because when the terminal was built, it was a State road. Vice-Chair Thrash said in order to designate McKenzie Road as a "thru truck" road, they would need to do a deep reclamation on the road, and it would cost over a million dollars. Mr. Caldwell said they cannot designate the road just for propane companies because other big trucks may also want to use this road. Chairman Traylor said trucks should only be going on McKenzie Road if they have a bill of lading. Mr. Taylor said McKenzie Road is not conducive to propane trucks because the intersection has a "Y" shaped angle. It is hard for trucks to make a right turn to get to the terminal, and it is hard for trucks to make a left turn leaving the terminal to get onto McKenzie. Vice-Chairman Thrash pointed out that if they use Morgan Dairy, there is a dangerous railroad crossing.

Recess Workshop Meeting

Commissioner Lovett made a motion at approximately 1:40 p.m. to take a restroom break. Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvene Workshop Meeting

The board reconvened the Workshop meeting.

Personnel Policy

County Administrator Townsend stated that there are two changes to the Personnel Policy: vacation and sick to a Paid Time Off (PTO) plan and the addition of two Holidays. He said most counties have 12 to 13 Holidays and some counties have 14 Holidays. He would like to have both changes in place by January 2024. Currently, the vacation is accrued at the beginning of the year and is based on years of service. The sick time is accrued at 3.69 hours a pay period with a cap of 288 hours. The sick time can be carried over but the vacation cannot under the current policy. The PTO plan will combine both sick and vacation time with a carryover of the combined time based on years of service. County Administrator Townsend stated the two holiday additions to consider are Veteran's Day and Juneteenth. Chairman Traylor said he would prefer to add two floating holidays. County Administrator Townsend said there are people who lose vacation time, and since their sick time is capped at 288 hours, they cannot accrue any more time. Vice-Chair Thrash said if they go with the PTO plan, the employees can decide what to do with their time, and if they add the two floater holidays, they can decide when they want to take those extra two days. Chairman Traylor said they will have ten holidays plus two floating holidays. Commissioner Fletcher said he had heard some wanted Juneteenth but agreed with the two floating holidays. County Administrator Townsend

said that if an employee's anniversary falls in November, they have until March the following year to take their earned vacation time. Most counties are converting to a PTO plan so that the employee has a carryover plan and they do not lose their earned time.

Budget Review

Budget Manager for the Barnesville-Lamar County Library and Mayor Elect Kelly Hughes addressed the board. Mayor-Elect Hughes said people come from outside the community to the Library because of the services they offer to the public. She reported an increase in supplies due to the fees associated with copying, scanning, and emailing they do for the public. Mayor-Elect Hughes said that the Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) is open one day a week, so they help computer-illiterate people who cannot get in touch with their social worker to login to their accounts. They have a meeting room where various civic organizations meet. There is no fee charged during the library hours, but the after-hours fee is \$150.00, with a return of \$50.00 for the deposit. They have teen and children programs and two adult programs: a book club and a cooking club that meets monthly. They have a summer reading program; they collaborate with the 4-H Club and the after-school program for the school system. Mayor Elect Hughes said she put in a 4 percent Cost of Living Raise (COLA) for her employees. She said they used to have their retirement in the City and the County, but currently, the full-time employees are under the Teacher Retirement plan, so she put in an increase for this, along with an increase for the Health Care plan. Mayor-Elect Hughes said they also increased the maintenance supplies by \$1,000.00 for cleaning supplies.

Commissioner Lovett asked if they have seen a decrease in the number of books people read since the internet has taken over. Mayor Elect Hughes responded they have kept up with technology. They have a Georgia download program called Libby, where people can download eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines with their library card. They received a technical grant from the State allowing students to check out laptops and hotspots (1 per household). They can hook up 12 devices to the one hotspot. Commissioner Lovett inquired about funding since it is the Barnesville-Lamar County Library. She explained the County and City swapped facilities with the Water Authority Intergovernmental Agreement, and the County took the Library back over from the City.

Mayor-Elect Hughes asked about why her numbers do not match the budget. County Administrator Townsend said there is no increase in salaries for FY 2024. Mrs. Hughes said she would need to let her board know this for approval purposes. County Administrator Townsend and Chairman Traylor said no raises have been added to the budget for FY 2024.

Chairman Traylor expressed his desire for the County and the City to have a better working relationship. Mayor-Elect Hughes said she would like for their to be more cohesiveness with the Barnesville City Council and for the City Manager to be more open. She wants to bring them all together.

Coroner

Lamar County Coroner Clay Tillery addressed the board. Mr. Tillery stated he has lived in Lamar County his entire life. He worked for the Lamar County Sheriff's Office in 2003 for two years before working in Zebulon, Georgia. He has also worked as a first responder for Lamar County. Coroner Tillery introduced Deputy Coroner Chris Minchew, who was present for the meeting. Coroner Tillery will receive the State COLA raise of \$2,000.00. There is an increase in medical examinations of \$3,000.00. County Administrator Townsend stated

that there may be an increase in fuel and a van for the Corner that is designated in the SPLOST IV. County Administrator Townsend said they would also like to have Coroner shirts printed so that people will recognize them. Coroner Tillery reported that Trice Funeral is the only one that has a body cooler. He would like to purchase one for the Coroner's Office/911 Center when they move into the current Tax Commissioners Office. The cost for a 10 x 10 body cooler is around \$6,900.00. They currently have mutual aid with the Pike County Coroner's Office. He said that Butts County charges \$150.00 a day to store a body and Upson County utilizes the hospital to store a body.

Commissioner Lovett asked how many bodies they get in a year. Coroner Tillery reported there are between 162 to 200 bodies in a year. Commissioner Lovett asked if someone dies of natural causes, does the Coroner handle that body? Corner Tillery said they do unless they are in hospice care, or a nursing home. Chairman Traylor inquired about the wait times at a crime lab. Corner Tillery said this has gotten better, and usually, it is around two weeks because of the staff shortage. Chairman Traylor asked how they are currently transporting bodies. Corner Tillery said that Trice Funeral Home handles all transports unless the family knows what funeral home they want to use, and then that funeral home will usually pick up the body. Trice Funeral home will send a bill for transport. Coroner Tillery reported that only Funeral Homes can cremate a body. The indigent fund fee (cremation) is \$500.00, and they are discussing increasing the fee to \$1,000.00. The basic charge for cremation at Trice Funeral Home is \$2,500.00 but he does it for Lamar County for \$500.00. Commissioner Fletcher asked if they pay Trice Funeral Home for transporting and storing an indigent person. Corner Tillery said if Trice Funeral Home has the case, he does not charge for the transport but they do charge for the GBI fee.

Animal Shelter

County Administrator Townsend reported he is projecting to start the Animal Shelter construction by August 30, 2024. He said he plans to meet with Wright Woodall from Flint Building in the next few weeks to discuss the budget for next year. The total proposed budget request for FY 2024 is \$181,826.00. County Administrator Townsend stated that Attorney Mayfield has reviewed the contract, which will be signed today. The cost from Mr. Woodall will be brought to the Board of Commissioners for approval and if they do not approve it, they will start over until they can get a budget they can approve. County Administrator Townsend stated he did not want a million dollar animal shelter.

Commissioner Lovett said he had a conversation with Mayor-Elect Hughes about an intergovernmental agreement. He said there is around \$280,000.00 SPLOST funds designated for an animal shelter which will cost around \$700,000.00 to \$800,000.00 to build. Mayor-Elect Hughes said she was amenable to discussing taking the \$280,000.00, renovating the shelter in Barnesville, and running the shelter as a collaborative shelter between Barnesville and Lamar County. Barnesville will close their shelter if they open a Lamar County animal shelter. The data shows you will receive three to four animals a day in the County and the City. Commissioner Lovett said there would be a community kickback because they want something new, but with that \$170,00.00, they could put together the largest spay and neuter program in the Southeast. You could spay and neuter 93 animals a month for five years.

Commissioner Fletcher said the citizens voted on a new animal shelter. Vice-Chair Thrash said there was referendum that the citizens voted on to build a new animal shelter. Chairman

Traylor said that the City of Barnesville could contribute yearly to the animal shelter because they already have designated money for it. Vice-Chair Thrash said the City of Milner and the Town of Aldora should also contribute. Commissioner Lovett said the person Mayor Elect Hughes will have to deal with says, "the County has eaten at our table for years and it is time we eat at theirs". If there is an opportunity for the cities to give money towards a new animal shelter, they should get it in writing.

Commissioner Lovett said the County ended up with a Recreation Department and a Library. The City of Barnesville ended up with a Water Authority, which is not good from a financial standpoint. Commissioner Fletcher said that the Water Authority has generated a lot of revenue. Commissioner Lovett said the Water Authority is the reason the County cannot grow its industry. Vice-Chair Thrash said the Board of Commissioners had no choice at the time. The City of Barnesville received grants but should have known the customer base was not there to support it. She said that the taxpayers were going to have to pay 12 million dollars so they had no choice but to do what they did. Chairman Traylor said there are some low hanging fruit opportunities that the County and City can work together on. One of them is the Old Jail Museum. They need to continue to work with the City of Barnesville's City Council.

Website Upgrade-WiReD Technology

County Administrator Townsend said WiRed Technology submitted two proposals. A complete redesign with a WIX platform cost of \$20,450.00 and migrating the existing website with no redesign cost of \$11,800.00. The SEO website package is \$2,200.00. The annual fee for the website platform usage is \$380.00, and the USERWay accessibility APP is \$1,116.00. Currently the Lamar County website is on a WordPress Platform.

Vice-Chair Thrash said she is concerned about the security with the computers in Lamar County. She has a friend in D.C. who said that ransomware is rampant, and once they take over your system, you are not getting it back without paying a hefty ransom. County Administrator Townsend stated that the software systems in Lamar County are on a web-based or hosted platform, and WiRed Technology has security in place for the website email and the servers. The current website was hijacked, and medical companies were stealing the Lamar County domain to create their own without paying for the service. Once they established their own domain the Lamar County website was unlocked. WiRed Technology has worked to put measures in place so this will not happen. They also have a quarantine system in place for spam and phishing emails.

County Clerk Davidson stated to have a phone-friendly design with the WIX Platform, they would need to do the redesign of \$20,450.00. The total cost for the redesign is \$24,086.00, with an annual total charge of \$1,416.00. Currently, the WordPress website is managed by County Clerk Davidson with IT assistance from WiRed Technology. The cost for the WordPress Platform is zero dollars. Commissioner Fletcher said a new website platform is needed. He said he recently set up a new website, and the cost doubled. County Clerk Davidson stated that a website designed by Municode could cost as much as \$50,000.00, not including the support cost. She said WiRed Technology would train her on the WIX platform and the Departments would also have access to make changes to their web page. County Clerk Davidson would oversee the website along with the support from WiRed Technology which will minimize the cost of having a new website. Vice-Chair Thrash recommended having Commissioner Fletcher and County Clerk Davidson work on the website project.

Combined Boards-Planning Commission and Board of Appeals

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said she has worked with the City of Barnesville and they are on board with combining the two boards. The City of Milner is still deciding whether or not to join the combination of the boards. There will be the first reader of Ordinances for the Planning Commission Board and the Board of Appeals in November, with the second readers in December. The County is establishing a new protocol by combining the two boards and they will start fresh on January 01, 2023. They will need two members for a four-year term and one member for a one-year term. The nominations are Dwight Fleming, Gerald Thompson, Eddie Felton, and Doug Walker, and they are all willing to serve.

Public Hearings

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said the Planning Commission will meet on November 08, 2023, to hear the rezoning requests.

Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Residential 2-Christian Hardy-High Falls Road-(Tax Map 069, Parcel 005) Their daughter wants to build a home on a two-acre tract, so they are asking for the property to be rezoned to Residential 2.

Rezoning from Residential 3 to Commercial 2-Thomas Moss-VFW Road (Tax Map 33, Parcel 71). The property is surrounded by commercial or industrial property on three sides. The property is vacant and he wants to rezone it Commercial to sell it. The Planning Commission will probably discuss tree buffers along the sides that are residential and possible types of business because it is a dirt road.

Rezoning from Manufacturing 1 to Agriculture-Residential -Gregg Evans-545 Hwy 41 South (Tax Map 061, Parcel 014). The new owners want to build a house on this piece of property. Commissioner Lovett noted that they are surrounded by commercial property.

Speed Limit Change Skinners By-Pass from 45 to 35

The board reviewed several speed limit changes as follows.

- Skinner By-Pass from 45 to 35 mph
- Old Milner Rd. from 45 to 35 mph
- High Falls Park Rd. from 50 to 40 mph
- Skyler Rd from 45 to 35 or 25 mph with children at play signs

Commissioner Lovett said he has met with the Officers in Milner, Georgia. He feels like they are reducing the speed limit below the capacity for drivers to drive responsibly, and he has had zero comments about decreasing the speed limit on High Falls Park Road. He said that by reducing speed limits everywhere, you are creating an environment where they turn this into a revenue source for the Sheriff's Office. Vice-Chair Thrash said she is looking at it from a safety standpoint. She said if any road in the County needs to be reduced, it is Skinners By-Pass and needs to be less than 35 mph. Vice-Chair Thrash said they opened Pandora's box when they changed the speed limit on Five Points Road. Commissioner Lovett said that the GDOT recommendation was to increase the speed limit for the other roads. Vice-Chair Thrash suggested they put a process in place in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office to raise or lower speed limits. Commissioner Gilles said while campaigning, she knocked on doors on Skinner By-Pass, and not one person asked her to lower the speed limit. County Administrator

Townsend said a study suggested increasing the speed limit from 45 to 55 mph, but he spoke to Sheriff White, and there are a couple of curves where they could put a sign reducing the speed limit. Commissioner Gilles suggested they leave Skinners By-Pass on the agenda reducing the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph since all of the studies have been done for this road. The board agreed to have a study done on the other list of roads.

Emergency Executive Session

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn to executive session for an emergency. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board of Commissioners came out of executive session. Chairman Traylor and Commissioner Fletcher had to leave the meeting for scheduled appointments. Vice-Chair Thrash resumed the meeting.

Ross Associates-Impact Fees

Bill Ross of Ross Associates addressed the board. Mr. Ross said he worked for consulting companies in Boston and Atlanta. He was head of Planning in Fulton County for ten years and relocated his business to Gwinnett County, the fastest-growing County in the United States. They issued 10,000 building permits a year for single-family housing. Mr. Ross said he worked for an apartment developer with a good reputation. After that, he started his own business with planning, codes, and ordinances, specializing in impact fees. He said that he also works with a firm called Hatley and Associates and he collaborates with them. Vice-Chair Thrash said that they are interested in looking at impact fees, but the downturn to doing this is the cost factor. Mr. Ross presented two handouts. One compares new or amended impact fee programs that he has done through the State of Georgia with contract fees from 2006 to 2022. The prices range from \$55,000.00 to \$155,000.00. The second handout is a schedule of Key Events for the Lamar County Impact Fee Program. The project would begin in January 2024 and end in November 2024. The programs include an Assessment Report, Advisory Committee, Library, Animal Control, Fire, Emergency Medical, E-911, Jail, Sheriff, Parks and Recreation, Roads, Implementation Assistance, and Annual Update reports. The quote for Lamar County is \$94,500.00. A Methodology report will be done that calculates the maximum fee you can charge and still be legal in the State law.

Mr. Ross stated an Advisory Committee would need to be appointed. There must be at least five members but no more than ten. He said 50 percent of the board members must come from the development community: a builder, a real estate agent, a mortgage banker, or an engineering company. The other 50 percent of the board should be citizens who are interested in the community and the future of the community. Mr. Ross said his firm would meet with the advisory report and the Advisory Committee would review the Methodology report that sets the maximum fees. They are only required to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the first time you implement impact fees. He said Cherokee County turned theirs into an Appeals Board for recommendations. Mr. Ross said they are only required to meet once to review the impact fees in the Ordinance. He said you would need to hold a Public Hearing that tells the community you will study impact fees, and it is only required for the first time you do impact fees. There will be two Public Hearings to adopt the maximum fee schedule through an Ordinance.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gilles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk