

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
February 20th, 2024**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Gilles, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson, and County Attorney Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Henson of the Barnesville Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Vice-Chair Gilles made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Recess for Public Hearing

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to recess for two Public Hearings. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Hearings

Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Residential 1-Emily Ann Nobles/Billy Butler Smith

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the board stating this is a rezoning from Agriculture-Residential (A-R) to Residential-1 (R-1) located on Brent Road (a portion of tax map 98, parcel 012). The applicant was not able to attend due to a death in the family. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Paul Jarrell, Project Lead for Three Rivers, gave an update on the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Jarrell said he has an office in Griffin and Franklin, Georgia. He has been working in the 10-county area for around 18 years. He has helped Lamar County update their Comprehensive Plan, and this is the 2nd Public Hearing. This is a five-year update to the 20-year Comprehensive Plan. The update reviews the needs and goals of the Community, the land use map, and the community work program. The community work program includes the

priority work projects the Community wants to see done in the next five years. The funding for those projects and the ones that are the most needed in the next five years. Mr. Jarrell said they were fortunate to have Vice-Chair Gilles and several others on the committee. The committee meetings were held in conjunction with the Planning Commission, and all of the meetings were open to the public. They did a community survey, and the results were embedded in the updated Comprehensive Plan. Copies were made available and are posted on the County website.

Vice-Chair Gilles said that the estimated cost to redevelop the Booker School Property is \$100,00.00 and needs to be increased. She has addressed this with Planning and Community Development Director Buice. Mr. Jarrell said that this cost could be increased.

Mr. Jarrell said he enjoyed learning more about Lamar County and visiting the Johnstonville/Goggins community. With over 1,000 acres, it is one of the largest nationally registered districts in the area.

VI. Reconvene Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Gilles made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion.

VII. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve the following three sets of minutes. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-January 11th, 2024
- ii. Special Called Meeting-January 16th, 2024
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-January 16th, 2024

VIII. Lamar County Animal Shelter Proclamation-In Honor of Fred Morris

Chairman Traylor said that Fred Morris has been a foundation for animal care and animal rights in the Community. He has worked tirelessly on projects in the Community. Chairman Traylor said that due to health reasons, Mr. Morris was not able to be at the meeting but will join online, and at the end of the presentation, he will make a comment. Chairman Traylor said the Proclamation was tough for him to read because it is about a good friend.

Chairman Traylor presented Fred Morris with a proclamation from the Lamar County Board of Commissioners expressing its deepest gratitude and appreciation for his many years of service and tireless advocacy for animal welfare. The Proclamation was a testament to Fred Morris' lasting impact on the Community and the lives of animals in Lamar County.

Fred Morris joined the meeting via the Teams video-conferencing application. Mr. Morris thanked Tom Wellner, George Weldon, and his wife, Kendall Morris. He said that it has been a journey, and they now have a prime location and a facility that will be world-class. He said

that animal shelters are not for animals; animal shelters are for communities. Mr. Morris said that he hopes the Community will get behind this shelter from this point forward, providing the necessary means to aid and assist those unable to care for their animals. Mr. Morris said he saw an ad on Facebook that said, "If you are raising puppies and kittens and giving them away without spaying or neutering them, you are the problem." Spaying and neutering are the answers to animal control. He said it is something they will address and move forward with. Mr. Morris thanked the Commissioners and said he hoped the citizens of Lamar County and the City of Barnesville would get behind this program and begin to push forward to pursue more spaying and neutering in the County.

IX. Black History Month Proclamation

Commissioner Fletcher presented a Black History Proclamation to the N.A.A.C.P. and the "Men of Empowerment." Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Black History Month's first iteration was Negro History Week, created in February 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of Black history." Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday of January every year, close to Dr. King's birthday on January 15. The strategic theme for the King Holiday in 2024 was "Shifting the Cultural Climate through the Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence". The Lamar County Board of Commissioners proclaimed February 2024 as "Black History Month.

Ms. Sylvia Bush of 130 Parkview Drive and a representative from the N.A.A.C.P. thanked the Commissioners for honoring them with the Proclamation. Ms. Bush said she would like to tell all parents, grandmothers, aunts, and uncles to make their children know about Black History Month. She said that as they grow older, adversity is still around, and even more so with their children. Ms. Bush said when you have teachable moments, they ask about certain things, specifically about the N.A.A.C.P. She said a lady working at the Bank wanted to know what Black History meant. Ms. Bush said they need to teach their children about different things so they can grow to be very well adults.

X. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-23 Personnel Policy Update (Exhibit A)

County Administrator Townsend explained that there had been updates with the Personnel Policy including the addition of two floating holidays, an accrual process combining sick and vacation time into Paid Time Off (PTO) that will take effect in 2024 and updated policy requirements from A.C.C.G. and L.G.R.M.S. Specifically, an update that includes concealed weapons. County Administrator Townsend stated that this is a beef-up in the Personnel Policy.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-23 Personnel Policy update Exhibit A. Vice-Chair Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Ordinance 2024-01 Noble-Smith-Brent Road (Tax Map 098-Parcel 012)

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Noble-Smith Brent Road (Tax Map 098-Parcel 012). Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

Fire Chief Matthews addressed the board. He said the Fire Department would like to apply for a grant with a third party, Davidson Grant Writing, to purchase two new fire engines that will replace a 1981 and a 1998 fire engine. There is \$620,000.00 allotted in S.P.L.O.S.T., and the eligible grant amount is \$1,000,050.00. If they apply for the \$1,000,050.00, they will pay the difference of \$250,000.00. There is no charge to write and submit the grant application. If they are awarded the grant, then the amount is 5% of the awarded amount. If no award is granted, they pay nothing. Fire Chief Matthews said heard about the grant through networking with other Fire Chiefs.

County Administrator Townsend said they have around \$2,000,000.00 budgeted in S.P.L.O.S.T. for the Fire Department allotted for the Fire Station on the Northend of the County plus a pumper to add to the fleet. This will save money they do not have to spend and could put toward something else.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant with Davidson Grant Writing. Vice-Chair Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Animal Shelter Budget

County Administrator Townsend stated that he is working with Wright Woodall and is waiting on a couple more bids. He requested that the Animal Shelter budget be tabled until he has something to report. This can either be at a Special Called Meeting or the March Regular Business Meeting. Commissioner Thrash made a motion to table the Animal Shelter budget until they hold a Special Called Meeting or at the March Regular Business Meeting. Vice-Chair Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. AmeriPro Health Report:
181 Transported, 100 Refusals, 44 Cancellations, Response Time:7:40
Mutual Aid Report Upson County 33 Pike 0 and Spalding 0
- ii. Reported that they are still closing out items from 2023. The January revenues over expenditures are at 5.59 percent and should be at 8.33 percent.

- iii. Reported that the Cash Flow, without final adjustments should increase by \$776,00.00. The expenditures are running higher than normal, but once adjustments are made, they will be in the good.
- iv. Reported that they are still waiting for an Animal Shelter budget.
- v. Reported that they are working on a second phase R.F.P. to release by the end of the month to be able to pave a few more roads.
- vi. Reported that there are leaks at the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office. The contractors are working out the details and they normally respond back within one day.
- vii. Reported that \$150,997.37 was received for the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST).
- viii. Reported that \$264,916.04 was received for the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST IV).
- ix. Reported that \$243,502.12 was received for the Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (T.S.P.L.O.S.T.).
- x. Reported that a new plaque for the history of Lamar County has come in and will be placed at the Courthouse. He showed the plaque via Teams.

X. Public Comments

Mike Maddox of 120 Magnolia Farms addressed the board. Mr. Maddox said they had been discussing the Solid Waste to Fuel Project for several months, and it was sad that a project was completed in 1936. He said they built the Empire State Building from the ground up to the top in 15 months with the equipment they had in 1936. He said this thing is not running after ten years. Mr. Maddox said he gets tired of listening, but it will all come out eventually. Mr. Maddox said he worked for a company a few years ago, and they had an issue between the workers and the management. He was in management, and the Operations Management called him to talk about it. Mr. Maddox said he asked him to define the definition of a leader because there are all kinds of leaders; bosses are leaders, and Commissioners are elected to be leaders. The operations manager told him that it was someone who was organized and could follow through on tasks. He then asked Mr. Maddox his definition of a leader. Mr. Maddox agreed that it was everything he had said because you have to have those talents, but his definition of a leader is someone who leads and has people who follow them. Mr. Maddox asked the Board of Commissioners to look over their shoulder and tell him who is following them.

Sara Moyer of 885 High Falls Park Road addressed the board. Ms. Moyer thanked the board for their time and efforts. She said they trust them and know they will put their best foot forward, and they were there at the meeting in numbers more so than she has seen lately. She has been to several Commissioner meetings, and they have not had a standing room only. The biggest reason for the large number of people being there is because the people are concerned about development in the County. Ms. Moyer said the people in attendance truly do love the people there, and they love to see it developed so it can support the Community. They understand that Industrial Development is necessary and there is no way around it. The biggest way she has tried to pitch the idea to everyone is by saying that everyone has a Dollar General in their town, but do you have a Dollar General with a stone façade where all of the aisles are well stocked? Ms. Moyer asked if they have one that looks like an abandoned warehouse building infested with rats, where they cannot find a way around the dollies in the

aisle. She said they have a choice to make it representative of what they value. They want it to look beautiful and represent them, and they hope the board will make time to hear them in these meetings. She said there were a lot of people who showed up to the meeting to share their opinions, and they were not even on the docket. Ms. Moyer said they feel left out and forgotten. Ms. Moyer said they would continue to show up and they would tell them how they felt but they had to make time for them. Ms. Moyer thanked everyone who showed up and said she appreciated them. Ms. Moyer said the last meeting she went to, there were only five of them, and she could not believe the numbers that showed up tonight. Ms. Moyer said she looked forward to working with the board and making Lamar County as beautiful as possible

Diane Perry of 101 Maple Drive addressed the board. Mrs. Perry said this is a nice building but each of you has a microphone, and they are sitting in the audience. She said she knew this was a business meeting, but they could not hear what they were saying and had a hard time hearing the County Administrator. She requested that they use the microphones and put them where they can be heard. Mrs. Perry said the Chairman made the statement that the I.T. company has moved them in the 21st century. She asked why Lamar County does not keep a digital copy of the Board of Commissioner meetings. She said they are turned in and used for the minutes to be written up, but they are destroyed after the minutes are approved at the next month's meeting. Mrs. Perry said they should keep a two-year digital record of all of the Board of Commissioner meetings. She said people can say one thing, and if you do not see or hear the commas, periods, or the inflection of the words, the whole sentence can be totally different from what was meant. Mrs. Perry said reading the minutes does not necessarily give them the information they need if they want to go back and research something. She said there is no reason, with the technology and the digital reports they have today, they cannot have copies that are kept so the public and the Commissioners can go back and refer to it for at least two years. Mrs. Perry said she would like to request the board discuss this at their next Workshop meeting and proceed in figuring out how this can be done. She said as citizens, they want to be able to review it. Mrs. Perry said they were gone for a month and did not have time to review the digital December meeting because it was gone. All they could do was read the minutes, which did not give them a true picture. Mrs. Perry said she is requesting they refer to it, look at it, and talk about it at the next Workshop meeting to see what can be done about it.

Elaine Hallada of 131 Steeple Chase addressed the board. Mrs. Hallada said at the December 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting Chairman Traylor made a comment about the opening of the renovation of the gym. She said that Chairman Traylor blamed the delays on the concerned citizens. What he should have mentioned was the reasons why the delays happened: not hiring a registered general contractor, inferior product use, substandard work, lack of inspections, and the safety of the project. The safety of our children and adults who had to use the gym when it was not up to standards. Mrs. Hallada said this was all on the County Administration and the fellow Commissioners who agreed to the project or approved the project previously. Then, they received a tongue-lashing at the January 16, 2024, Board of Commissioner meeting. Mrs. Hallada said that tongue-lashing should have been addressed to yourself and Commissioner Thrash. Mrs. Hallada said that they are not the reason why this County does not reflect growth. There has been poor planning for years by yourselves and your previous Commissioners. Hopefully, the Comprehensive Plan will solve this problem. Mrs. Hallada said they could not take their trash to the dump on a Saturday a few months ago,

which has led them down a path that she would never have imagined. It was Chairman Traylor's email response that started her on her quest. Mrs. Hallada said Chairman Traylor and Commissioner Thrash have both hidden the failure of the Solid Waste project since November 2017. They have hidden the truth for months, and they helped to sell out the landfill to AmWaste. Mrs. Hallada asked if the project had been turned on and if they were making \$2,500,000.00 a year yet. She said he and the fellow Solid Waste Authority board members have received money for years that needs to be returned and held in a special account to help pay for a forensic and engineering audit. Mrs. Hallada said they do not follow O.C.G.A. rules, and they do things to suit their own purposes and to waste taxpayers' money. Instead of talking down to the people in the room Chairman Traylor should be thanking them for their efforts for trying to bring truth, transparency and responsibility to the Lamar County Solid Waste Authority. Mrs. Hallada said that she was not born in this Community but suggesting that they are the cause for not getting any businesses to invest in this Community was insulting. Mrs. Hallada said she was accused of not caring about this Community and said she would not be there tonight if she did not care about the Community. Mrs. Hallada said they owe the citizens of this County apology and congratulated them on their ability to fill a room.

Mike Perry of 101 Maple Drive addressed the board. Mr. Perry said it is a beautiful building and thanked County Administrator Townsend for all the work that had been done. He said there were issues with security in the old Administration building. They have a doorbell for security for the Elections office. They will be in that building until July, and currently, two women work in Elections that are by themselves most of the time every day. It is too dangerous because people are lunatics in the public. You may be trying to save money but in the long run if there is a problem you will not save a dime, rather you will probably bankrupt the County. Mr. Perry said a lock is needed on the front door of the old Administration building. Mr. Perry said there is an issue at the new Administration building. He said he had asked County Administrator Townsend about putting up barriers so cars cannot drive through the front windows. The offices are upfront, and it is too dangerous. Mr. Perry said he is asking for him to consider the security of the people working in the County and protect the people who are working up front.

Bonnie Martin, 626 Piedmont Road, addressed the board. Ms. Martin said since the current board does not respond to questions asked at Public board meetings, more and more people are realizing that we are not really being represented as much as we are being ruled. The Solid Waste Authority fiasco has literally brought to light the total disregard that three members of the board have for the citizens of Lamar County. Transparency is non-existent, and they are insulted by being told that the concerned citizens are a small minority, causing a negative image of the County. She maintains that they are not such a small minority and that it is not the citizens that are causing the problems. Instead, it is the recklessness of the Solid Waste Authority and the reluctance of the majority of the board to answer legitimate concerns. Ms. Martin said that if you had done your job, to begin with, instead of going along to get along, this never would have gotten so out of hand. Ms. Martin addressed Chairman Traylor and said that he ran for office as a Republican, making a campaign promise that he would listen to the citizens and have quarterly town hall meetings. Since he has been Chairman, there has been only one town hall meeting, and he did not even attend the meeting, nor did Commissioner Thrash or Commissioner Fletcher. That is not acceptable. Despite all the attention to the Solid

Waste Authority fiasco, there are many important matters that need all five Commissioners working together. Ms. Martin asked that they not let the huge divide of the one issue, the Solid Waste Authority, keep them from working together for the benefit of the County.

Ned West of 168 Farm Road addressed the board. Mr. West said he understood that Chairman Traylor left the Solid Waste Authority board in December but attended a meeting after which he voted. If this is correct information, then he wanted to know if he or anyone attending the next Solid Waste Authority board meeting would be afforded the opportunity to vote. He asked if he could go into the closed session because no one in this room is any different than you are; not on the board anymore, but you still voted. Mr. West said he would like to have an answer to this at some point.

James Hyde, 116 White Oak Drive, addressed the board. Mr. Hyde said something is awry at the Solid Waste Authority and everyone knows it. He said that waiting on the F.B.I. is not going to cut it; this is their responsibility. Mr. Hyde said for months now, the people whom they work for have been asking them to take action to find out what is going on at the Solid Waste Authority. They had stood before you and asked, pleaded, and begged for them to do something, yet some of them have willfully chosen to refuse to do your constitutional directed duty. They have been consistently an impediment to the will of the people. Mr. Hyde said he had personally stood before them on numerous occasions and given them all the law they needed to know to take swift and precise action to expose what the citizens of this County have a right to know. Yet some of them continue to stall, postpone, lie, cover-up, and delay doing your legal duty. They have chosen to directly disobey their bosses. For that, you will be appropriately disciplined. Mr. Hyde said this week formal charges are being filed with the State for ethics violation. This is an administrative action whose force and effect of law is limited to removing them from office. The remainder of their fate depends on them and them alone. If they do not take significant action at this meeting tonight to expose what is going on at the Solid Waste Authority, then tomorrow, they will begin the process of bringing criminal charges against them as well. Mr. Hyde said that by significant action, means you will introduce and pass a motion to remove each and every current member from the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors to be effective immediately. Mr. Hyde said they will replace them with members they will give them before the next regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting or in a Special Called Meeting if they can confirm appointees that fast. Mr. Hyde said violating their oath of office carries a penalty of one to five years in prison. The choice is theirs, and we will wait for their motion.

Dwight Fleming of 1011 Van Buren Road addressed the board. Mr. Fleming said he had always tried to help them when they asked for advice. He said he has noticed from countless people that they have no faith in the County's leadership, none, and he has not had one person come to him and praise the leadership as a whole. If you look at the projects that have been done over the last couple of years and longer than that; the Waste to Fuel fiasco. Mr. Fleming said the animal shelter should have been built years ago, and the gym, that job was a joke. The road paving project finished less than a year ago is awful, where they did the micro-surfacing. County Administrator Townsend mentioned there is a possibility of doing a few more roads with the S.P.L.O.S.T. funds. Mr. Fleming said he hoped to goodness they do a lot more planning and a lot more prep work if they do another road project. Mr. Fleming said that the

new Administration building is great, but he did not think they needed it. He said he thinks the citizens would have much rather seen the money spent on this building be spent on an animal shelter, better roads, or doing the gym right. Mr. Fleming said nothing was wrong with spending money on the old Administration building and making do. He said they all have to make do in a sorry economy and asked why the County did not make do in a sorry economy. Mr. Fleming said there are fixing to be some changes as elections rolls around. The wind of change is blowing. He said he believes they need to work on their image and leadership.

Donald Hartman of 507 Old Milner Road addressed the board. Mr. Hartman said he attended the Solid Waste Authority meeting and noted that there was a scheduling issue with the date and time, and then they met at 8:00 a.m. He asked if they could have these meetings more available to the citizens of Lamar County. Mr. Hartman said there was a reason for having an 8:00 a.m. meeting. It was short and simple, and they got the permit. But there was no update. Mr. Hartman asked if there was anything left in the old building. He said a lot of equipment was shown on Fox 5 and asked if it had moved or been relocated. Mr. Hartman asked about the timeline and said Summer is about 100 days away, and it is supposed to be opened. He said that transparency is not happening. He has mentioned it several times in addressing the Commissioners and said it is like telling a child not to do that again. Mr. Hartman asked for transparency for the citizens of the County. If you are working, you are working hard for your dollars; if you are retired, that dollar is even tighter; he is one of those. Mr. Hartman said he is now a part of the Community and is happy to be here with his family. Mr. Hartman said he read that years ago, when the Industrial Development Authority bought the Enercon building, Johnny Poore said it was fully permitted, yet they just got a permit at the last Solid Waste Authority meeting. Mr. Hartman said he likes town hall meetings because they are great for the Community, where citizens can interact with the Commissioners and whoever else attends. Mr. Hartman said he saw in the Solid Waste Authority bylaws it states quarterly meetings and asked why they could not have monthly meetings. He said the Board of Commissioners meet at least once a month. Mr. Hartman said that Fellowship Drive is a mess and garbage is flying off the trucks; it is atrocious.

XI. Round Table

Commissioner Lovett said he would like to discuss the animal shelter in an open meeting, not a Special Called meeting. He would like to have it in an open forum.

Vice-Chair Gilles reported that on May 15, 2024, there will be an event with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This will be held at the Civic Center starting at 9:45 a.m. This is open to all Veterans. There will be vendors and classes offered. Vice-Chair Gilles recognized the 4-H Club she took to the State Capital for 4-H Day. They were able to have lunch with Representative Beth Camp.

County Administrator Townsend addressed Mr. Perry's concerns. He said regarding security of the old Administration building. He said it is a Public building, and if you lock it up, then let the U.S. Transparency come by there with their video cameras and put you on YouTube. He said regarding the security of the new Administration building, they are looking to resurface the parking lot, and if you put poles up, they would have to tear them up

anyway. County Administrator Townsend addressed the animal shelter. He said it was on the last item for the S.P.L.O.S.T. He said that as S.P.L.O.S.T. money comes in, they pay as they go. They do not bond it out. He said it was listed on the ballot in 2011.

Chairman Traylor said Ms. Martin was correct when she said that he talked about having Townhall meetings. They were going to be called "Tail Gate Talks with the Commissioners." He said they had one scheduled for Milner a long while back, and they did not have it; it fell off the radar. Chairman Traylor said he could assure her they would return to doing those. He addressed Mr. West's concerns about the Solid Waste Authority Board appointment. He said when you are on a board, you cannot vacate that spot when you have to maintain a quorum. They have to maintain a quorum for that particular board. Chairman Traylor said that until a new person is put in that seat, he still maintains that seat. He said that he would be glad to vacate that seat when the next person comes along. Chairman Traylor said the motion was tabled and not voted on or passed. Chairman Traylor said the citizens should not wait until there is a meeting to hear from them if they have a concern. He said he knows Ms. Martin sends him emails quite often, and Mr. Bob McKee will send him a Facebook message. Chairman Traylor said all of the Commissioners want to serve the citizens because that is why they are there; they are elected. Chairman Traylor said they have to give them a call. He requested that Ms. Moyer call them the next time they have an issue so they can be placed on the agenda. He said this was the first he had heard about their concerns. Chairman Traylor said he has had conversations with people in High Falls about it but has not received a request to be put on the agenda.

Chairman Traylor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting saying as it was a great turnout. They had two great Proclamations: Black History Month and the Animal Shelter Proclamation and Fred Morris. Chairman Traylor said Fred Morris is a dear friend of his and they go to lunch, and his mom will call and ask if he is having lunch with his Uncle Fred. He said they would talk about the animal shelter for about 15 minutes and then talk about everything from their families to everything else in life. He said he loves Fred dearly and it is a great thing to honor Fred Morris. Chairman Traylor said in regards to another previous comment that was made. When he said this is our Community, we represent our Community. He said he never once said the concerned citizens were the reason that the Community was getting a black eye. He said it was the way they were handling comments and complaints and attacking people. He said he did not call out one group, and if you took it personally, then maybe there is a reason you did. Chairman Traylor said there are two things he wants to make sure they understand. Chairman Traylor said obviously, we all want the best for our Community. He said some people want to campaign and run for positions, and we utilize this as an opportunity to campaign. When we tear down our Community, we are tearing down our Community. This is the place we live, and know that their Commissioners are up there, and they do their best to preserve things in this Community. Chairman Traylor said if there is a recommendation on micro-surfacing a road, and if they have a contractor to tell us to x that, it is an attempt. But now they know that in the future, they need to do something different, and they need to prep those roads a little bit better before the micro-surfacing happens. Chairman Traylor said they talked about the gym, and the conversation has come up multiple times. The Fire Marshall came in and said the gym is great and he is the ultimate person when it comes down to public safety. Chairman Traylor said he wants everyone to understand and know that their Board of

Commissioners are there to help the Community and work for them, so reach out to the board, their District or himself if they need him.

XII. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Gilles made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Ashley Gilles, Vice-Chair

Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk