

**Public Hearing Meeting**  
**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**  
**12-10-2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Gilles, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

**Proposed 2025 Budget**

**Overview:**

- Total General Fund Revenue: \$18,162,866.
- Change in Intergovernmental Revenue: \$2,248,963 received from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
- Increase permits for future growth due to the I75 Legends project. \$
- Reported interest earned on a CD was around \$3,000.00.
- The increase from last year is 17.17 percent due to changes in the Revenue.
- Special Revenue funds \$652,519.00 with a transfer in from E911.
- Transfer in with General Fund (GF) to support E911:Subsidies are provided by the GF and also the same for the Date Fund.
- Capital expenses: \$3,573,000.
- Total revenue for all budgets, using ARP funds: \$22,539,328.
- Total expenditures: \$18,162,866.
- Key impacts for the Public Work Budget include \$2 million from GDOT and LARK contributions of \$2,050,365 for the Chappell Mill, High Falls, and Rock Springs Roads Project paving.
- Increase the Contingencies for future positions due to the I75 Legends Park Building and Fire inspections.

**Departmental Breakdown:**

- Senior Centers: Approved, addressing a waiting list of sixteen individuals.
- IT Budget: Includes contracts and computer licenses.

- Personnel and Health Insurance: Notable increase.
- Elected Officials: Budget adjusted for population growth exceeding 20,000.00.
- Animal Shelter: Funded for a full year compared to a half-year previously.
- Public Works: Increased funding, including Animal Shelter operations.
- LMIG and LARK Projects: Allocations included.
- Conservation Soil Office: Position vacated by retirement at the Griffin Office. A staff member was transferred from Lamar, promoting Lisa Minick. No salary, FICA, or Medicare costs incurred, but retirement funds are still provided.
- Total Expenditures \$18,162,866 which is a 17.17 percent increase.
- Expenditures for Special Revenue Funds: \$803,462,00
- Expenditures for Capital Projects Funds: \$3,573,000.00
- Total Expenditures: \$22,539,328.00.

**Challenges:**

- Uncertainty about the I-75 project.
- Need for budget amendments to address staffing and allocations.

**Discussion:**

- No added comments or objections from the Board of Commissioners (BOC).

**Public Comment**

- No public comments were registered.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 9:11 a.m. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Ryran Traylor, Chairman

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Ashley Gilles, Vice-Chair

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Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

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Jason Lovett, Commissioner

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Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk