



LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop

Administration Building

January 15, 2026 4:00 PM

Minutes

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM with the following members present: Chairman Ryran Traylor, Vice Chair Jason Lovett, Commissioner Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner Ashley Gilles, and Commissioner Truman Boyle. The following staff were also present for the meeting: County Administrator Sean Townsend and County Clerk Anita Buice.

As there were no workshop items to discuss, the board moved on to a review of the draft agenda for January 20, 2026.

Board appointment to the Three Rivers Regional Commission Council

Commissioner Lovett opened with a discussion of the board appointments for the Three Rivers Regional Commission Council. He has served on the board and is astonished at how many projects are being funded for other communities. He is willing to continue to serve but would like for Lamar County to be more proactive in bringing projects to the board. Chairman Traylor agreed and proposed two names for the board to consider for the non-public appointment.

Budget Amendments

Tax Commissioner Lesley Kilchris was present to explain her request for a budget amendment to facilitate the change of classification of a part time employee to a full time employee. She announced to the board that one of her long time full time employees would be retiring in June and needed the part time employee to have more time for training.

Mr. Townsend presented a budget amendment to be considered that would be the final close out of the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Lovett requested an update on the 2024 audit that has been delayed due to the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Townsend responded that he has spoken with the auditors and their advice is to continue to wait to complete the audit. They feel it is better to have one audit that complies with the Special Master's findings of the SWA than to have an incomplete audit and make corrections at a later date.

Automatic Aid Agreement with City of Barnesville

Chief Douglas Matthews was present to discuss the Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Barnesville. He explained these types of agreements are common among cities and counties and benefit both with lowering Insurance Service Office (ISO) ratings which lowers the cost of home insurance. He requested one change to the wording and by general consensus the board agreed to the change.

Public Comments

As there was no further discussion of the draft agenda, Chairman Traylor opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Dianne Perry addressed the board. She explained that she is a member of the Republican Party of Lamar County and they would like permission to use the commission meeting room once a month after office hours. The board had a general discussion concerning security of the building and the inner offices. By general consensus, they agreed to look into the request to see if there was a way to make it work not only for the republican party but for other community groups.

Roundtable

Chairman Traylor then opened the floor for commissioner roundtable.

Commissioner Fletcher reminded everyone of the multiple celebrations starting this weekend in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Commissioner Gilles announced the next court date for the Solid Waste Authority was Friday, January 16, 2026 at 10:30 AM.

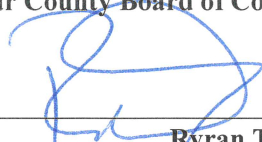
Commissioner Boyle shared that the team meeting between community leaders in response to the vehicle accident in front of the high school went really well. Changes are already being made to make the area safer.

Chairman Traylor added that the meeting came together very quickly and that just shows the care the community has and he is very proud to be a part of it. He also commented he is glad the board supported the release of the bodycam footage that cleared Chief Building Official Buddy Lanier and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Evans from allegations made by the owners of Country Kitchen restaurant of unprofessional behavior.

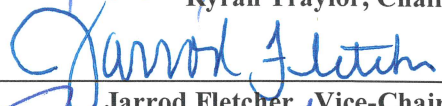
With no other business, Chairman Traylor closed the meeting at 5:00 PM.

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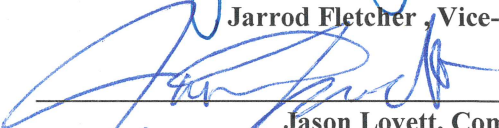
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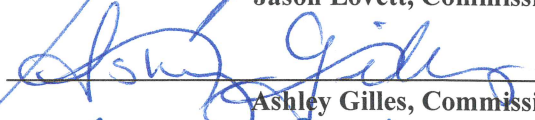
Ryran Traylor, Chairman



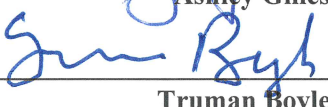
Jarrod Fletcher, Vice-Chairman



Jason Lovett, Commissioner




Ashley Gilles, Commissioner



Truman Boyle, Commissioner

Attest:



Anita Buice, County Clerk