

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
October 18th, 2022**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chairman Heiney, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson, and County Attorney Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Associate Pastor Jett Davis from the Barnesville Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Horton made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the following five sets of minutes. Vice-Chairman Heiney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-September 15th, 2022
- ii. Public Hearing Meeting-September 20th, 2022
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-September 20th, 2022

V. LMIG Priority List of Roads

County Administrator Townsend presented the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Priority List of Roads. Chairman Glass explained that LMIG funds are based on the percentage of the State collections for the fuel excise tax. The law states that the counties are to get anywhere from 11 to 15 percent. This year there have been no fuel excise tax collected since March and fuel excise tax collections are low. One of the Legislative Priorities is to ask the Governor to fund the LMIG programs as if the fuel excise tax had continued to be collected.

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the LMIG Priority List of Roads. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Van Buren Road	SR 36-Johnstonville Road	\$377,000.00
Bush Road	SR 18/US41-Fredonia Church Road	\$289,000.00
Five Points Road	SR18-SR7	\$300,000.00
Cauthen Road	Martin Dairy Rf-Trice Road	\$ 89,000.00
Cook Road	Morgan Dairy Road-Spalding County Line	\$ 90,000.00

VI. SPLOST Project List for the March Ballot

County Administrator Townsend presented the list of SPLOST IV projects for a total cost of \$8,208,000.00. Chairman Glass explained that the SPLOST project runs for 6 years and the current SPLOST project expires in October of 2023. In order to continue to use SPLOST dollars they have to have another referendum to approve the SPLOST for another 6 years. The referendum will be combined with the cities and approved Countywide. Vice-Chairman Heiney made a motion to approve the SPLOST Project list for the March ballot. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicles	\$687,000.00
Facilities	\$250,000.00
Sheriff's Cruiser	\$828,000.00
Fire Station	\$1,525,000.00
Fire Equipment	\$832,400.00
Public Works Equipment	\$380,600.00
Public Works Roads	\$2,400,000.00
Recreation	\$1,350,000.00

VII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. Reported that expenditures for the month of September should be at 75 percent and are at 64.65 percent.
- ii. Reported that the General Fund Cash Flow is high due to transferring LMIG funds into the General Fund for payment.
- iii. Reported that the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for September was \$142,639.24.
- iv. Reported that the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for September was \$255,869.23.
- v. Reported that the Transportation Special Local Options Sales Tax (TSPLOST) distribution for September was \$240,011.70.
- vi. Reported that the Insurance Premium Rollback was received in the amount of \$901,147.00 which allowed the County to not have a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).

VIII. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

IX. Round Table

Chairman Glass thanked everyone for coming. He said Buggy Days was successful and that LOST and SPLOST always generate a good bit of revenue which will be distributed to the County in October.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.
Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Robert Heiney, Vice-Chairman

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk