

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
August 13th, 2024
9:00 A.M.

Chairman Glass called the Special Called meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Gilles, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson. The meeting was available via Teams.

FEMA Grant for Fire Trucks

Fire Chief Matthews addressed the Board of Commissioners. He stated that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) had been approved for award and he had 30 days to accept the Grant. The Grant is for \$1,000,000.00 with a \$308,602.00 County match. There are two fire trucks ready to be purchased for a cost of \$258,602.00. If they wait and purchase the trucks in 2025 the cost will increase by at least \$150,000.00.

Commissioner Fletcher inquired about the time period for acquiring the fire trucks. Fire Chief Matthews responded that it would be around three months.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security / FEMA. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the authorization to use Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds to purchase the fire trucks. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve invoice # 2020-24 for Grant Award EMW-2023-FG-07755 in the amount of \$50,000.00 which is a 5 percent commission of the \$1,000,000.00 Grant. Commissioner Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 9:43 a.m. and Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Ashley Gilles, Vice-Chair

Jarrold Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

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