

Workshop Meeting of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners
September 10th, 2020
12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. on September 10th, 2020. Present for the meeting were Chairman Glass, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, and County Clerk Davidson. County Administrator Townsend was absent for the meeting. The meeting was open to the public via Zoom.

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to amend the Workshop agenda to add the topic Reopening the Courthouse. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk of Superior Court Caleb Tyson and Captain Chris Webster with the Lamar County Sheriff's Office addressed the board. Vice-Chair Thrash stated that the Chief Justice had issued an executive order on September 10th, 2020 and said that in part of that order he has asked for the Superior Court State Judges to convene meetings in their counties and establish a plan as to how they are going to re-open the Courthouse for jury trials. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson stated that they had requested that the Courthouse be sprayed between each court session. He said that the Courthouse is already being sprayed on Friday's but for trial purposes they want the Courthouse sprayed down between each court session. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson stated that he needed confirmation as to what the COVID-19 safe standard capacity is for the existing jury room; where the jury deliberates. He said that if it is not large enough for 14 people, the jury would then deliberate in the Grand Jury room. Captain Webster stated that according to the current guidelines, it is 10 people per 300 square feet for safe distancing. He said that they would need to figure out the square footage of the room. He said that Maintenance Director Jim Beverly had previously marked everything off in the Courtroom and this made it clear as to how many people they can have in the Courtroom at one time. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that being able to summon the Grand Jury is not going to be an issue. He said that he has a 50 percent summons rate under normal circumstances but under the circumstances with COVID-19 he said that he does not believe it will get better but instead it will get worse. He said that he does not know what the summons rate will be because he has to have a minimum of 20 people. He said that if the Grand Jury is going to be convening in the grand jury room then they cannot have more than 20 people. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that the maximum number is 23 for a Grand Jury but they have to have 16 jury members to make a decision. He said that the space guidelines is not a problem but when they move on to actual trial juries that require more people to be summoned, then they could be limited a little bit if they have to adhere to the social distancing guidelines. Vice-Chair Thrash stated that the executive order will start in November. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson stated that for Lamar County this will start the 2nd week of December when the first Grand Jury will be called into session with a possibility of a criminal trial that same week. He said that it is currently scheduled for a civil trial week, but criminal trials take precedence. He said that it could turn into a grand jury/criminal trial week. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that there is no way to summon both juries on the same day. Vice-Chair Thrash is inquired about how they would handle witnesses for trials. Captain Webster stated that this is something that they had not encountered on any of their cases in Lamar County. He said that the prosecution and the

defense schedule is based off the speed of the trials. He said that if they have 20 witnesses, they would not be scheduled to be there all at one time. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that typically the Public Defender or the Private Attorney would handle where the witnesses are in the Courthouse.

Vice Chair Thrash inquired about what they would need from the Board of Commissioners. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that they need someone ready to sanitize the Courthouse after each court session. Captain Webster stated that the Sheriff's Office has five foggers. Vice-Chair Thrash asked if they had to worry about people that have allergies or people that may have an allergic reaction to the chemicals in the fogger. Captain Webster stated that he did not no. Chairman Glass stated that it has not been a problem so far with spraying the Courthouse. He said that they use the same chemicals in the schools. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson stated that they will need someone at the Courthouse full time at the Courthouse to spray between the court sessions.

Commissioner Heiney stated that they needed to consider the application of the disinfectant. He said like pesticides there is a series of instructions. He said that they are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He said that the applicator in some cases has to be certified and they need to know how to use the disinfectant correctly. Captain Webster said that they bought the foggers and the disinfectant, and they use it based on the instructions. He said that the County is paying someone to disinfect the Courthouse once a week, but he did not know if they are licensed or certified. Chairman Glass said that the Maintenance Department does the spraying of the buildings. Commissioner Heiney said that the concentrated disinfectant has a danger warning label, but the ready use disinfectant has a cautionary warning label. Chairman Glass referred them to Maintenance Director Beverly.

Captain Webster said that they are in good shape with the space that they have at the Courthouse. He said that there have been times when juvenile court, superior court, and child support hearings are all at the same time. He said that the parking lot gets full. He said that they have a system where they only allow so many people into the Courthouse. He said that they have to wait out in the parking lot and then they go get them. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that he may summon the jurors 30 minutes earlier so that he can have everything arranged the way the judges prefer it to be. Commissioner Traylor inquired about how they pull the people that are waiting out of the parking lot. Captain Webster stated that they have not had a problem with this because typically they are just waiting outside of their cars. Commissioner Traylor suggested that they put a monitor in the parking lot like they have at the airport. Captain Webster stated that the issue with this is if they are hearing one case they may run into an issue where the attorney has to consult with the judge on an issue or they may be waiting on an expert witness. He said that they will put the case on hold and call the next one up next. Captain Webster stated that to date they have not had any issues. Vice-Chair Thrash asked if they would bring everyone into the big courtroom. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that he would bring everyone into the big courtroom based on the Covid-19 capacity requirements and process those that are there. He said that they have capacity for 44 people in the large courtroom and 20 people in the grand jury room which is about the average size of the actual number of people that will show up. Clerk of Superior Court Tyson said that Lamar County is the last County to hold any jury trials.

Recess of Lunch

Commissioner Horton made a motion to recess the Workshop meeting at 12:16 p.m. for lunch and Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Glass reconvened the Workshop meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Lamar County Zoning Ordinance & Development Regulations Draft

The entire draft of the Zoning Ordinance and Development Regulations draft is attached to the minutes.

Vice-Chair Thrash addressed Home Occupation and the trucking companies in residential areas that are affecting the neighbors. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that this is a home-based business. She stated that the basis to all zoning and land regulations should be based on impact. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she is a firm believer in property rights unless it bleeds over to the neighbors. She said that for home businesses she said that there should be cut-offs. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she does not believe it should be based on money. She said that trucking companies or heavy equipment have been an issue in every jurisdiction. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that in the re-write for home occupation it is based on acreage and the zoning is Agricultural Residential (A-R) and not residential districts. For properties less than 5 acres, only 1 piece of heavy equipment and the vehicle to transport it is allowed. For properties 5 acres to 15 acres up to 3 pieces of heavy equipment and the vehicles required to transport it is allowed and so forth. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she tried to look at what was already in place and said that she has never heard a complaint from anyone because they are isolated on their own property. She said that in some areas of A-R zoning there would not be an impact. Commissioner Traylor said he likes the idea of increasing the acreage, but he also would like for there to be a setback requirement. Vice-Chair Thrash said that if you sell Avon products that is one issue but if you have a full blown trucking company, where 20 to 25 trucks are coming in and out every day, then this is a commercial business and it has no place in a residential neighborhood. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that she agreed and said that the proposed Ordinance does not allow this in a residential neighborhood. She said that the proposed limit is 12 pieces of heavy equipment and the vehicles required to transport it is allowed and this is on 25 acres or more. Chairman Glass asked if screening were required on the road or adjacent properties and asked if the setback would handle this. Planning and Community Development Director Buice replied that screening was a great idea and proposed that the setback be no closer than 40 to 50 foot to the property line. Commissioner Traylor suggested that there be a 100 to 150-foot setback requirement. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she is also adding "No Fueling Stations". There was discussion about adding long haul truckers. Chairman Glass said he feels like that the driver that brings his truck home for two nights a week should be able to park his truck there but there should not be three or four trucks parked there. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that it is a safe place to park and they do not have to unpack and repack outside of the home place. Planning and Community Development Director Buice

said that she could add something about this and said that she could allow this with limitations. She said that she could also add that the trailer part of a tractor trailer is allowed in all districts. She said that tow trucks are considered heavy vehicles. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said she heard that the consensus from the board was to only allow one truck to park at a home base for lay overs. Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that no fueling stations will be allowed except for those grandfathered in. The board discussed adding that all vehicles and equipment must be set back at least 150 feet from all property lines and screened with a landscaped buffer.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that in Home Occupation, currently they are restricted to the house. She said that the overwhelming majority of the businesses in Lamar County are home occupations and the small businesses should be encouraged and not regulated into bankruptcy. The major proposed changes in Home Occupation (A-R zoning only) would now allow the business activity to take place outside of the main dwelling in an accessory building on the property. It would allow a small sign to be placed at the driveway. It would allow the owner of the business to hire up to 3 people to help at the home location. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she is trying to word it according to what people are already doing. She said her goal is to make it feasible without having any issues.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the section in the Ordinance on agritourism on a small-scale usage. The board discussed all of the impacts and stated that the proposed Ordinance limits the usage to no more than 25 visitors at one time unless otherwise noted. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that horseback riding lessons and roadside markets are large scale agritourism. The board discussed general venues and renting spaces out and if they would be a breach in conservation. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that unless the building could be used immediately for farming, after an event, then it would be a breach in conservation. She said just using the building for weddings will be a breach in conservation and if that were the case, they could possibly ask permission for a Special Exception. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that for all large scale agritourism a business license is required. Chairman Glass inquired about the word "Greenhouse" in the Ordinance. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that this is in the current Ordinance and that the board could remove it from the list. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that agritourism is not agriculture. The board discussed roadside stands as opposed to roadside markets. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that large scale agritourism is needed in the Ordinance but small scale agritourism is not enforceable or legal. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that small scale agritourism is exempt from having a business license. There was discussion about growing produce on a farm and then making jam out of the produce and selling it on the roadside or in a smokehouse. Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that the roadside stand would not require a business license but selling jam out of a smokehouse would require a business license. Commissioner Horton stated that this needed to be simplified. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that it would depend on the size of the structure that they are selling the product out of as to whether or not they would need a business license. The board reviewed several items from the list of examples for small scale agritourism

and decided to exempt several items from the list from having to have a business license. The items included cut your own/pick your own produce, farm retail sales, educational demonstrations, farm retail sales, farm tours, fee fishing/hunting, greenhouse, and petting zoo (farm animals only). The board agreed that farm vacations with overnight rentals of any residences or portions of residences for less than 30 days is not exempt from small scale agritourism. They changed the square footage of the accessory building for farm retail sales from 500 square feet to 200 square feet where products produced on the farm are sold directly to the public either from the main dwelling or from a small accessory building. The board agreed that a business license for special events was needed based on the impact and size of the event. A business license is required for special events, small private use of the property or a building on the property for 25 people or less and for 3 hours or less. The building used must be able to convert back to farm use. All requirements of the Lamar County Noise Ordinance will apply for these types of events.

The board reviewed the permitted and special exception uses in A-R zoning. They removed hospitals, crematories, ems and armories from the special exception list. They removed deer camps from special exception to permitted but added regulations such as a size requirement. Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that private cemeteries are not categorized as small (less than 1 acre) and permitted, but parent parcel must be at least 10 acres, and large (1 acre or more) which requires a special exception. The special exception for a manufactured home for a hardship was removed completely. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that she changed guest houses so that someone can live in the guest house in A-R zoning. She said that the only change in Single Family Residential - Low Density (R-1) permitted uses is no longer allowing horses as a permitted use. Single Family Residential (High Density) R-3 zoned districts will now allow two-family or small multi-family if public water and sewer is available and General Residential (R-4) will no longer have hospitals as a permitted use.

The board reviewed the proposed zoning requirements for the various Lamar County zonings. Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that A-R zoning is set aside as areas for low density residential in order to preserve agricultural activities and land resources. She said that in direct conflict to this purpose, 1-acre minimums are still allowed if public water is available and 2-acre minimums are allowed with wells. The board discussed that the minimum acreage for A-R zoning be changed to 5 acres with a minimum 1400 square foot principal building size. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that setbacks are proposed to increase as the density level decreases. The board agreed to change the minimum lot width at the homesite from 150 ft to 300 ft in A-R zoning. Planning and Community Development Director Buice continued to go over each proposed zoning requirement change. For Estate Residential (E-R) the minimum lot width at the home site was changed from 200 ft. to 300 ft. For R-1 zoning the minimum lot width at the homesite was changed from 150 ft. to 175 ft. and on major and secondary streets the setback was changed from 100 ft. to 125 ft., on collector streets the setback was changed from 85 ft to 125 ft. and on residential streets the setback was changed from 85 ft. to 125 ft. For Single Family Residential-Medium Density (R-2) the minimum lot size unsewered with water was changed from 2 acres to not allowed. The minimum lot size with sewer was changed from .75 acre to 1.00 acres. On major and secondary streets, the setback was changed from 100 to 75 ft. with

curb and gutter; 100 ft. with ditches, on collector streets the setback was changed from 85 ft to 75 ft. with curb and gutter; 100 ft. with ditches, and on residential streets the setback was changed from 85 ft. to 75 ft. with curb and gutter; 100 ft. with ditches. For R-3 zoning the minimum lot size unsewered with water was changed from 2 acres to not allowed. For R-3 zoning the minimum lot size sewered was changed from .50 acres to .75 acres. For R-3 zoning the minimum lot width at the homesite was changed from 150/100 ft. to 125 if greater than 1 acre ft. and on major and secondary streets the setback was changed from 100 ft. to 125 ft. on collector streets the setback was changed from 85 ft to 125 ft. and on residential streets the setback was changed from 85 ft. to 75 ft. For R-3 zoning on major and secondary streets the setback was changed from 100 ft. to 75 ft., on collector streets the setback was changed from 85 ft to 50 ft. and on residential streets the setback was changed from 75 ft. to 50 ft. For R-4 zoning the minimum lot size unsewered without water was changed from 2 acres to not allowed. The minimum lot size with unsewered with water was changed from 1 acre to not allowed. The minimum lot size sewered was changed from .14acre/6000 acre to .25 acre. The setback on collector streets was changed from 50 ft. to 40 ft. and on residential streets the setback was changed from 50 ft. to 40 ft.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained to the board that in R-3 zoning you can have a duplex because of the reduced lot sizes and setbacks. She said that in R-4 zoning you can have a duplex, multiples families and commercial zoning. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that people like R-3 zoning because they like a smaller house size which is 1200 square feet. She said that these changes will allow for duplexes and she said that personally she likes duplexes in a neighborhood.

Planning and Community Development Director said that homes within a development with sidewalks can have smaller lots and be closer to the road. She said that developments along an existing County road with large lots must build further back onto the property to preserve the “country” feel of the area. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that higher density residential will have more requirements such as streetlights, sidewalks, public water, and sewer. She said it will also allow two-family and multi-family units. The board discussed the flag lot requirements and decided that no two lots can be closer than 300 feet from each other. They also decided that subdivisions along existing County roads are held to a 5-lot minimum.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that under Zoning Ordinance Section 202 regarding the definitions for Kennel she added that no more than 20 dogs or cats be allowed on the premises at any one time. She said that in Appendix F-Signs, Section 105, under Content, item (d) she added a comma after regulates the erection, and in Article 4 -Legal Requirements, Section 402, she added in item (a) “and no property may have a use” She said that in Article 4.-General Procedure, 404, she added in item (k) “the fee may be doubled”. She said that in Article 25-Legal Status Provisions, Section 2503 she added Previously revised November 16, 2010. Current revision adopted October 20,2020 effective October 20, 2020. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that this date of revision is dependent on if the second reading of the Ordinance is passed in October at the Regular Business meeting.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that the wording was already there for Special Exceptions, Rezoning's, and Conditional Zonings and she has made changes in all of these sections and if you do not start within a year then it reverts back.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Upson County for Willis Road

The board discussed a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Upson County for Willis Road. Chairman Glass stated that he did not agree with the agreement. Chairman Glass stated that the quote that came from EMC, Engineering Services, Inc. was for \$67,914.90. He said that the agreement includes putting down a base down, but it does not include precuring the right of way. He said that there may be places where it is too narrow to put in 22 ft. of paving without taking out the trees. He said that there may be some things involved with this that may not be listed. Chairman Glass said that the quote includes a ½ mile of road between Hwy 341 and County Line Road. He said that there are still some legal fees for doing the surveys. Chairman Glass said that his concern is that it will cost the County \$100,000.00 for a half a mile of road. Chairman Glass said that it is a cut through between Upson County and Hwy 341. He said that you could also go North up to Ritchie Road and come out on Hwy 341. Commissioner Traylor stated that this shows “good will” to receive opportunities such as this and even if they do not do this now, they at least discussed it in the workshop and considered it. He said that County Administrator Townsend or Chairman Glass could draft a letter that say they appreciated this opportunity. Chairman Glass stated that they may do something like this in the future but said it was not the right match for Lamar County at this time. Commissioner Horton stated that he agreed that this is something they could do in the future.

Changes in the Development Regulations

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that there were a lot of changes in the Development Ordinance and it is hard to do it by sections because there were a lot of changes in how it was laid out. She said that there were a lot of references to the Lamar County Water Authority so all of that was changed from the Lamar County Water Authority to the Water Authority. She said that a lot of authority was given to the Planning and Zoning board and not to the Lamar County Board of Commissioners. Planning and Development Director Buice stated that the way it was written, the Planning and Zoning Board would send it to the Board of Commissioners for review and if you had any questions it would go back to the Planning and Zoning Board. She said that it stated that the Planning and Zoning Board had platting authority, so she changed it. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that it is called Development Regulations but most of the references in the code itself referred only to subdivisions, so she changed wording throughout the regulations to include wording to include commercial and industrial type developments.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice explained that in Section 104 she added located on suitable land to pull in the existing watershed rules.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that the requirement for natural buffers increased from 10 ft to 6 ft because trees are not always tall enough and do not offer any screening.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that the Planning and Zoning Board do not like flag lots. She said that on High Falls Road there are flag lots that are about 1 acre each and she is getting lots of Code Enforcement complaints because they are right on top of each other. She said that these are things that you would normally have a complaint about in a typical subdivision. Planning and Community Development Director Buice and the board agreed to change the Ordinance so that the main body of the lot standing alone must be a minimum of 10 acres, the access area of the lot cannot be any closer than 300 ft. apart, no two (2) access areas can adjoin, no more than one access area is allowed per 300 ft. road frontage and the access area must be at least 300 ft. from any other driveway. Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the construction plan submission. She stated that originally when you have a big development you have a preliminary plan and then you meet internally to do the construction plans. She said that the time frame between the approval of the preliminary and the construction plans that have to be turned in is two years. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that she changed this to six months.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed exempt major subdivisions and minor subdivisions. She said exempt major subdivisions are five acres or more. She said that minor subdivisions are just existing road frontage subdivisions and they have no new roads. She said that in the original Ordinance it limits those to no more than 5 lots, so she changed it to "No Limit".

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed Development Regulation standards in general. She said that when an application comes before the board, they review the application and make their decision. She added things such as a watershed and recharge areas, things about unsafe egress and ingress, traffic count, historical value properties and anything that could legitimately be a decision maker on if a property should be divided.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the road improvements and roads standards. She said that Public Works Director Rigdon made some suggestions and the biggest one was that they follow the Georgia Department of Transportation standards.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that developers could ask for a final approval before all final work was completed by posting a surety bond. Planning and Development Director Buice said that she is not in favor of this at all, so she took it out of the Development Regulations. She said that she is not comfortable with letting a developer walk away without finishing a project. She said that the project should be finished with a warranty bond of two years.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that she added a section about Public Hearings to make it clear that subdivisions will be posted and advertised just like every other change in the County.

Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that under Development Regulation standards, with major subdivisions of 10 lots or more you were required to have a

mix of house sizes, she exempted R-3 and R-4 zoned areas from this requirement because these are 800 to 1200 square foot homes and if you are forced to build a 2000 square foot home in that area, the 2000 square foot home will not have the value that it normally would in that area. She said that she exempted A-R, R-1, and R-2 zoning from streetlight requirements. She said that it is required in R-3 and R-4 zoning. She said that curb and gutter is required for subdivisions with 25 lots or more with lots sizes under 2 acres and will add that the Public Works Director will have the final approval. She said that Public Works Director Rigdon does not like curb and gutter.

Regular Business Meeting Discussion

The board discussed the following items:

Minutes Approval

- i. Public Hearing Meeting-August 11th, 2020
- ii. Public Hearing Meeting- August 11th, 2020
- iii. Workshop Meeting-August 13th, 2019
- iv. Public Hearing Meeting-August 18th, 2020
- v. Public Hearing Meeting-August 18th, 2020
- vi. Regular Business Meeting-August 18th, 2020

The board discussed the Resolution 2020-18 Budget Amendment. Accountant Burkett explained that this budget amendment covers the following:

Sale of Drug Dog- Sheriff	\$ 7,000.00
Sale of Property- Public Works	\$ 179,600.00
Damaged Equip - Public Works	\$ 11,098.23
Damaged Vehicle –Sheriff	\$ 1,002.87
Damaged Vehicle –Sheriff	\$ 10,756.60
Damaged Property - Rec Dept	\$ 6,242.00

The total revenue budget amendment is \$215,699.70.

The board reviewed the Resolution 2020-19 by XCELL Properties-Minor Subdivision-Grove Park. Planning and Community Development Director Buice stated that it can only be single family homes only but there were still concerns about the streams and the lake.

Chairman Glass went through the following items on the agenda.

Second Reading Ordinance 2020-06 Sec 82 Route of Travel Through Trucks

First Reading 2020-07 Zoning Ordinance

First Reading 2020-08 Development Regulations

Ordinance 2020-09 Rezoning by XCELL Properties

Ordinance 2020-10 Rezoning by Thomas Lamb and Keri Thompson

2020 Voting Delegate Designation.

Resurfacing Old Alabama Road with a quote from Michael's Asphalt for \$17,000.00.

Chairman Glass stated that Sheriff White stated that Dougherty County collects a lot of drug money on I-75 and sell their vehicles when they reach around 75,000 miles. He said that these are a good price, but they go away quickly. He said that he discussed with Sheriff White about authorizing him to approve up to a certain amount for the vehicle giving him the authority to make the decision about getting the vehicle when one comes available. The current quote on this vehicle is \$27,664.00. and it comes fully loaded.

Chairman Glass and County Clerk Davidson reported that there may not be another draw from the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the rest of the year. County Clerk Davidson reported that to date, \$2,001,657.39 has been drawn from the TAN and the CARES ACT and LOST has been a big factor towards not needing to take a draw from the TAN.

Vice-Chair Thrash reported that the Association of County Governments of Georgia (ACCG) Policy Council met, and each group approved their agenda and they will be voting on this based on priority. Vice-Chair Thrash stated that it would be done through email. Vice-Chair Thrash said that because of the marketplace legislation that was passed, Georgia has seen 135 million in additional revenues. Vice-Chair Thrash reported that it does not look like there will be a phase three stimulus package and unemployment compensation. She said that one thing that was cautioned with not having another stimulus package or unemployment compensation is that there will be a decline in sales tax over the next two months and everyone needs to be careful about their spending.

Vice-Chair Thrash mentioned about a letter from Brooke Hamil, the State Coordinator for the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement with the YMCA. She said that they want them to appoint and or recommend a high school student representative from our County for their Emerging County Leaders Program.

County Clerk Davidson reported that the ACCG Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant received for the purpose of creating a Policy and Procedure Manual for the Recreation Department was supposed to be for a summer intern but because of COVID-19 had turned into a fall intern and no one has applied for the position. County Clerk Davidson said that the job had been advertised in the legal organs, Gordon State College, Southern Technical College, and other agencies in the area. County Clerk Davidson stated that ACCG had given her an extension to continue to advertise for a fall intern. County Clerk Davidson reported that the intern would be allowed to work remotely with limited interaction with the Administration Office and the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Traylor reported that Forsyth, Georgia had recently passed a “mask” mandate.

Commissioner Traylor reported on the Lamar County Centennial Celebration and the Lamar County Christmas Parade. He said that Vice-Chair Thrash was working on the Centennial Monument for the Courthouse. He said that the Lamar County Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10th, 2020. Commissioner Traylor said that he had just learned that the parade planner may not be able to be in charge of the parade but said that he would work on this with him. He said that County Clerk Davidson was able to get a good deal on an advertisement on a billboard located on Hwy 341. The cost is \$400.00 for the billboard advertisement with a

\$100.00 setup cost. He said that they may use Andrew Henry as the artist for the billboard., the monument and the Centennial pins. Commissioner Traylor said that he would like to use the steeple on the Courthouse. He said that he remembers the youth being in the Buggy Days Parade for 13 years in a row. Commissioner Traylor said that the kids that are involved with this will be able to talk to their kids or other people about this over the next 25 years. Commissioner Traylor said that one great idea was that Dan Rainey has agreed to participate in this event. He said that the committee had discussed having people dress up, Mr. Rainey reading the minutes from 1921, and a Centennial Proclamation. Commissioner Traylor said that Mr. Rainey dressed up and participated in the Lantern Tour at Greenwood Cemetery in September of 2019. Commissioner Traylor said there was a brief discussion about using the City Park for the purpose of having a festival with a brass band and people dressing up in “Flapper” costumes. He said that they had also discussed having a “Community Workday” much like the former “Great Day of Service.” Commissioner Traylor stated that he was going to contact Mike Brutz to see if he would be interested in being involved in this activity.

Chairman Glass reported that he had an Industrial Development Authority (IDA) meeting this morning and said that they have had an interest in two or three different projects. He said one project is with B&G Pesticide from Indiana. Commissioner Heiney said that they are closing the plant, but they have to make a decision by the end of October about moving to Lamar County, Georgia. Chairman Glass said that they have to be out of their facility by the end of 2021. He said that there is some interest in existing properties and existing buildings in Lamar County.

Commissioner Horton reported on his townhall meeting that he had in September. He said that one item that was discussed was regarding getting a Walmart to come to Barnesville, Georgia.

Adjournment

Commissioner Traylor made a motion to go into executive session at approximately 2:45 p.m. for personnel and Vice Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of executive session and adjourned the workshop meeting at approximately 3:08 p.m.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Bennie Horton, Commissioner

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk