



LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting

Courthouse

April 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Recess for Public Hearing
5. Reconvene Regular Meeting
6. Approval of Agenda
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 - [i.](#) Workshop Minutes-March 16th, 2023
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 - [i.](#) April Surplus Vehicles
13. Fire Hydrant Flow Test

14. Administrator's Report
 - i. April Administrator's Report
15. Public Comment
16. Round Table
17. Executive Session
 - i. Real Estate
 - ii. Litigation
 - iii. Personnel
18. Adjournment

**Workshop Meeting
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
3-16-2023
12:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on March 16th, 2023. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

Call to Order

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. Chairman Traylor thanked everyone involved in the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Animal Shelter.

Discussion of Adverse Possession-Ginger Tant

Ginger Tant was a no-show at the Workshop Meeting.

Rural Designation

Commissioner Gilles deferred the Rural Designation until the Comprehensive Plan was completed.

Personnel Policy

County Administrator Townsend shared the 2016 Personnel Policy with the board, stating that Human Resource Director Kilchriss is working on updating the policy. One update would be to change the Vacation and Sick time to a Paid Time Off (PTO) Plan starting with the next fiscal year. Another change is to update the Holiday schedule to include Juneteenth.

Priority 1A Retention of Employees

County Administrator Townsend presented a survey regarding the retention priorities of the employees. The Survey rate was 87 %.

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Yearly Raise 51.4%	Yearly Bonus 31.5%	Yearly Bonus 32.4%	Family Insurance 54.1%
Retirement 29.7%	Retirement 28.8%	Retirement 27.9%	Yearly Bonus 29.7%
Family Insurance 12.6%	Yearly Raise 27.9%	Family Insurance 21.6%	Retirement 13.5%
Yearly Bonus 6.3%	Family Insurance 11.7%	Yearly Raise 18.9%	Yearly Raise 1.8%

Over the past five years, there have been Board of Commissioner approved salary increases with no increase in 2019, a 2 percent increase in 2020, in 2021 a wage study increase, and in 2022 a 2.5 percent increase for all employees. In 2020, the salary range was 8% to 25% behind other counties, in 2021 the salary range was 10% to 15% behind other counties, and in 2023 Lamar County's salary range is still behind by 7% to 12% compared to other counties. County Administrator Townsend suggested that a committee of 2 Commissioners, Department Heads, and Constitutional Officers meet with Gebcorp to discuss the retirement compensation for Lamar County. Currently, the percentage is 1% of the final average compensation up to \$6,600.00 plus 1.5% times the final average up to \$6,600.00 plus \$36.00. The total is multiplied by the years of credited service.

Commissioner Fletcher suggested some type of bonus for the employees. Chairman Traylor stated that the yearly bonus is something that everyone agrees on, especially at Christmas time. Vice-Chair Thrash pointed out that bonuses are taxed at a higher percentage. Human Resource Director Kilchriss stated that the premium pay bonus given to employees from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund was taxed at a higher rate. County Administrator Townsend noted that the taxes are based on the employee's W-4 form. Commissioner Lovett said that ordinary income is taxed regardless of where it falls in the pay structure. The total cumulative total versus the number of exemptions determines your gross pay.

Roofing Bid

County Administrator Townsend is working on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the roofing bid, and the material specifications in the proposal will be the same for all roofing contractors. Planning Commission Board member Dwight Fleming (Mr. Fleming) suggested that they hire a roofing consultant.

Legislative Update

- State Resolution (SR 82) proposed an amendment allowing the Tax Commissioner the authority to waive county and city delinquent tax sales. They must go through the process of board approval. It failed to meet the crossover deadline.
- House Bill (HB290) caps the compensation for the tax commissioner and provides a uniform three-party contract between the County, city, and tax commission. It passed the House unanimously on Monday, March 6th.
- State Resolution (SR 214) establishes a joint study for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). The resolution passed the House Ways and Means Committee by substitute this week SR 214.
- Senate Bill (SB 19) didn't make crossover. It caps the fees that clerks and probate judges can personally pocket for processing U.S. passport applications at \$20,000 a year and splits the remainder of fees evenly between the County and the clerk/probate office. Counties and the clerk/probate can agree to provide a higher or lower supplement, as can a local act of the General Assembly.
- House Bill 189 (HB189) is a bill relating to the dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads so as to provide for an allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load. The weight would be raised from 80,000 to 88,000 lbs. Vice-Chair Thrash addressed the Senate regarding this bill. She stated that they had just paved Silver Dollar Road, and with the increased truck weight, repaving the road would cost another \$600,000.00. The County can attach the bonds to their permits, which only go up to \$5,000.00. Commissioner Gilles said she had spoken to Senator Marty Harbin and Representative Beth Camp about this issue. Commissioner Lovett suggested they have unmanned fueling stations for revenue collections to offset road repair expenses.

Public Hearing Discussion

Chairman Traylor suggested that they allow 10 minutes for those opposed to the zoning and 10 minutes for those that are for the zoning based on Georgia Code 36-66-5(a).

Planning and Community Development Director Buice (Ms. Buice) explained the rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to High-way Commercial-(Tax Map 037, Parcel 010A)-Adam Todd Laney. This property is on Hwy 36 and the corner of Country Kitchen Road. No one opposed the rezoning at the Planning Commission meeting, and the Planning Commission recommended approval. The corner of the property was zoned High-Way Commercial, but the remaining five acres were not, but the entire five acres

were taxed High-Way Commercial for the last three years. They do not plan to have any extra driveways on Hwy 36; the driveway will come from Country Kitchen Road. Fencing and trees on the back property line will be added to the property. The standard buffer is 10 feet and is required when going from one zoning to another. Commissioner Lovett requested a privacy fence because he knows he is in the grading and the roll-off dumpster business. There was continued discussion about the privacy fencing and vegetative buffer to protect the surrounding property owners.

Ms. Buice explained the Rezoning from Residential 1 to Agricultural-Residential in Magnolia Trace (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015). The entire subdivision borders all the Agricultural-Residential property. The deed has the property at 31 acres, but Qpublic listed it at around 35 acres. Phase 1 of the subdivision was approved for recording on January 9th, 2008. On Phase 1 of the final plat, it is referenced for Phase II, but no record of having final approval. Phase I and Phase II were rezoned from Agricultural-Residential and went into foreclosure around 2014. It was bought by the current owner in the same year and has held the property for the last nine years. It has been for sale for the previous five years. The topography shows a lot of floodplain areas and creeks, and it would cost too much money to develop this portion of land as a subdivision, so the developers decided it would be best to sell the property to an end user as one parcel for someone who wants to live there. Ms. Buice said it was common (back in the day) to find a subdivision zoned Agricultural, but they never changed the zoning. They went through the process of getting subdivision approval, but the zoning stayed the same. In 2017, former Building and Zoning Director Dan Gunter went through the entire County and did a master rezoning. This particular piece of property was rezoned from Agricultural to R-1 Residential, and rezoning was not required for the subdivision to be approved. The property is bordered on the North side by residential lots, and on the East, West, and South side by Agriculture-Residential. Ms. Buice said that when it was first advertised, some bad information was discussed in the community regarding this being another horse track. This was never discussed with the applicant and is not permitted in Agricultural zoning. If he wanted a horse track on this property, it would fall under the Outdoor Concentrated Commercial zoning. Since there is no Homeowners Association (HOA), the neighbors got together and requested one of the neighbors to be their spokesperson but not their spokesperson because this person is also an attorney and made it very clear that he would not be representing the neighbors. The neighbors came up with a list of conditions they wanted for the property, and after the Planning Commission meeting, they returned with a revised list of conditions. Ms. Buice said that before the Planning Commission meeting, she met with the applicant and reviewed the list of permitted uses. He self-imposed his own restrictions even though things are allowable in Agricultural zoning that he felt were not conducive to this property. A list of permitted uses in Agricultural-Residential are listed below and answers yes or no to those allowed for the property as proposed by the Planning Commission and agreed to by the applicant and then yes or no for those allowed for this property as proposed by the neighbors as follows:

Current Permitted Use in Agricultural-Residential

- Site built single family home square minimum- Yes, Yes,
- Industrial Home-Yes, Yes,
- Class A Manufacture Home-No, No
- Local, State, or Federal Building-No and No
- Crop Farming, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry-Yes, Yes,
- Livestock, 1 per pasture acre unless approved pasture plan by National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-Yes, and then Neighbors want no more than five pasture animals at a time, not including newborns that are not weaned, if more than five are allowed, an increased buffer is requested.
- Publicly owned and operated par or recreation area-No, No
- Commercial Poultry House-No, No

- Utility Substation-No, No
- Private Cemetery, No, No
- Home Occupation-Yes with the exception of large equipment business, yes with the exception of large equipment business
- Hunting/Deer Camp-No, No
- Agritourism; Small Scale-No, No
- Swimming pool, playhouse, tennis court, etc.-Yes, Yes
- Accessory Buildings-Yes, Yes
- Parking of Unoccupied Travel Trailers-Yes, Yes
- Sign-No, No
- Camper as temporary living quarters during home construction-Yes, Yes
- Guest Quarters-Yes, Yes
- Paved or concrete driveway 25' in length, Planning Commission and Applicant-paved or concrete driveway to the length of neighboring drives, Neighbors: curb cut and dust and paved at least 150 or portion not paved by planted to reduce noise and dust, standard width

Allowed for this property as proposed by the Planning Commission and agreed to by the applicant:

- 35' vegetative buffer from the property line that is shared with R1. The original motion by the Planning Commission was a 35' ft buffer all the way around the property, but after Planning and Community Buice spoke to all 3 Planning Commission board members, the intention was only along the north side. Mr. Fleming misspoke when he made the motion. The minutes of the Planning Commission board will be corrected at the April meeting.

Allowed for this property as proposed by the neighbors

- 50' vegetative buffer; fencing on the south side of the buffer; building setbacks to be measured from the buffer, not the property line; fencing for pasture animals should be on the south side of the buffer.
 - Originally wanted a 100' vegetative buffer all the way across the north property line that is parallel to Magnolia Trace, with the fencing of the buffer on the inside of the property and not along the property line. Any building setbacks would start from the buffer and not the property line. This would be about 4 to 5 acres of unusable space for the owner.

Allowed for this property as proposed by neighbors

- No swine at all
- Utilities on access easement must be underground
- Cannot apply for any special exceptions

Mr. Fleming stated that he still thinks of Lamar County as rural, and if they act on everything that the neighbors are requesting, then they are saying that Lamar County is not rural. Commissioner Gilles stated that if the neighbors request all of these stipulations they want to impose on someone else, she wondered what they were doing to install a buffer. Mr. Fleming said that the easiest lots to sell in the subdivision were with the view of the horses. Ms. Buice noted that people are starting to go backward on zoning, and they think their purpose is for them to tell people what to do on their property instead of understanding that the purpose of zoning is to protect their own property. Chairman Traylor shared that this happened with his property. He said that the developer combined the lot before he bought it, so he purchased 38 acres inside of a subdivision, and 10 minutes later, he found out that the entire property had been foreclosed. When the bank got the property, he bought two more acres in front of him. He said his neighbors love it and everyone is buying as much as possible to keep the extra development from happening. They did not have an HOA, and at first, his driveway was not a requirement, but he did pave his driveway initially the length of the neighbor's driveway and then he paved it the rest of the way. Chairman Traylor said that he had seen both sides. They still have a buffer along their driveway even though no stipulations were put on them. Ms. Buice said that Chairman Traylor's property was never

rezoned Residential, and it was approved as a subdivision without a rezoning, and his property was still zoned Agricultural; therefore, there would not have been any stipulations.

Mr. Fleming said that in the Planning Commission, it was so crowded you would have thought all the neighbors were in attendance, but there were actually only 15 couples at the meeting, and at least three of the couples who favored the rezoning and having this neighbor. He said that Mr. Mena left Miami because he felt like he was fixing to kill someone to protect his family. He transferred to Georgia with the help of homeland security, and he ended up in a not-so-desirable area of Henry County, and he felt like he needed to move. Mr. Mena has six more years before he can retire. He has a horticulture degree, and he wants to have a family compound. His children are homeschooled.

District 2 Commissioner Lovett's recommendations for the conditions.

- Livestock, 1 per pasture acre unless approved pasture plan by NRCS.
- Agreement for a paved driveway of at least 25 feet.
- 35' buffer from the property line that is shared with R1 but will walk the property to determine what the natural buffer should be.
- Curb Cutting 25' feet.
- No to no swine at all or restrictions on farm animals.
- Utilities are already established underground until they pass the primary neighbors.
- No to cannot apply for any special exceptions.

Commissioner Gilles returned to the rezoning on Hwy 36 and asked if there was anything in the Ordinance about lights. Ms. Buice said there was nothing in the Ordinance about lights, but she would check on this.

Discussion of Peddler's Permits/Transient Selling for Food Trucks

Ms. Buice explained that she had advertised that there would be a Public Hearing to discuss Food Trucks. The point is not to introduce a new regulation, but as a community member or a business owner, what are the thoughts and what do they think is reasonable so she can draft an Ordinance for Food Trucks? The Ordinance on occupational tax permits for businesses was completely redone a few years ago. There is the standard brick-and-mortar business license, the transient selling license, and the peddler's permit license. The transient license was changed to limit setups to no more than four times a year, once a quarter. The peddler's permits are almost a thing of the past because no one goes door to door selling a product, but it was left in the code. However, the way it was written, it was left in the Ordinance to include Food Trucks. Currently, one section limits it to four times a year, and another section has unlimited times during the year. If someone applies for a peddlers permit license, they have to have a Health Department inspection, but that inspection can cross County lines. Vice-Chair Thrash said she was concerned about the brick-and-mortar restaurants such as Tracy's in Milner, Georgia, because of the taxes and other expenses incurred with running the restaurant. The concern is allowing a Food Truck establishment that does not have to go through all of the hoops the brick-and-mortar business has to go through and asked if this was a fair playing field. Ms. Buice explained that to make it a fair playing field, they could do this through the permit fees compared to what is paid in property taxes. They could limit the number of days that a Food Truck is allowed. However, her concern is whether they want to say they already have a restaurant with a meat and two sides and no one else could open a restaurant with a meat and two sides. Vice-Chair Thrash said her concern is allowing someone to come in and take from the commercial businesses that have jumped through hoops. Ms. Buice explained that you have other types of commercial businesses that are brick-and-mortar and then other businesses that work out of a home office. If you determine that every business has to be brick-and-mortar, then you are doing away with about 200 businesses in Lamar County.

Commissioner Gilles inquired about caterers who bring a grill to the event. Ms. Buice explained that private events are exempt. Commissioner Gilles asked if a caterer could sell plates for a specific group. Chairman Traylor stated that under the transient selling license, they could four times a year, once a quarter. He said he did not know if other counties have Food Trucks, but he knows that other cities have Food Trucks. The Health Department requires you to be within 200 ft. of a bathroom, and you have to have a commissary at home where you can drain out the water into a septic tank that has been approved. He said he had traveled to Texas and Tennessee, and the establishments available for food consumption were all Food Trucks. This will need to be addressed in Lamar County, and the City of Barnesville is also working on this. Ms. Buice explained that Food Trucks are in cities, but they are in the County as well because True Value has had a hamburger and hotdog Food Truck in their parking lot since they opened, but no one thought to complain about it. She said the one-day transient license costs \$25.00 per day, and the peddler's license is \$25.00 for two weeks.

County Administrator Townsend said that they are missing out on sales taxes from Food Trucks that come into Lamar County from another County because they are going back to their home County. Ms. Buice explained that they are supposed to be running the Food Truck as a point of sale. Chairman Traylor said that once the Department of Revenue is missing the taxes, they will impose some regulations. Mr. Fleming said that the Food Trucks would be like most brick-and-mortar restaurants where very few cash transactions are recorded. The only ones recorded are done on debit or credit card machines. County Administrator Townsend said that there are different sales taxes in each County. Ms. Buice said it would be impossible to regulate this. Ms. Buice said there are only three brick-and-mortar restaurants in Lamar County; Country Kitchen, Mama's Kitchen, and Honeywood Farms.

Regular Business Meeting Discussion

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
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- 6) Approval of Agenda
- 7) Minutes Approval
 - i. Workshop Meeting-February 16th, 2023
 - ii. Public Hearing Meeting-February 21st, 2023
 - iii. Regular Business Meeting-February 21st, 2023
- 8) Proclamation
 - i. Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month
 - ii. Gordon College-2022 National Club Football Association (NCFA) National Champions
 - iii. Wrestling Championship-Clint Williamson
- 9) Ordinance 2023-03 Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to High-way Commercial (Tax Map 037, parcel 010A)
- 10) Ordinance 2023-04 Rezoning from Residential 1 to Agricultural-Residential (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015)
- 11) CSRA Probation Contract
- 12) Owner-Consultant Agreement-Lamar County Master Services On-call-EXP US Services, Inc.
- 13) Surplus Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office
 - 1980 Chevrolet S6000 Bus-Vin# 6237
 - 2005 Ford Truck-Vin#1036

- 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche-Vin# 0798
- 2008 Dodge 4 Door Charger-Vin #9861
- 2008 Jeep Cherokee-Vin #7315
- 2011 Ford F150-Vin #3382
- 2014 Ford 4 Door Caprice Police-Vin#0473
- 2015 Dodge Charger-Vin #2733
- 2019 Dodge 4-Door Charger-Vin #1896

14) Administrator's Report

- Reviewed a bid from Beacon for McIntosh Trails Mental Health building for a total cost of \$14,000.00. Commissioner Fletcher suggested that they invest in a panic button for this facility.
- Opened a Sweeping Account, a Reserve Account, to earn higher interest on General Funds.
- Reported that continued work on ceiling tiles, walls for the Elections, duct, and electrical work is ongoing on the new Administration building. Reported that the air conditioner units are on hold, and the temporary air conditioner units will not be available until sometime in August for \$10,000.00.
- Reported that they will need to market the Administration Building by obtaining a local Real Estate Agent.
- Reported that they still need to swap the land on Hwy 36, Liberty Hill Park.
- Reported that it would be the end of March before a Ribbon Cutting for the Gym could take place.

15) Public Comments

16) Round Table

17) Executive Session

18) Real Estate and Litigation

- Real Estate
- Litigation
- Personnel

19) Adjournment

Round Table

Vice-Chairman Thrash reported that she and Commissioner Gilles held a town hall meeting at the Courthouse to discuss Bottoms and Turner Bridge Road. The citizens present wanted to turn Bottoms Road back to dirt. Commissioner Gilles suggested they have an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pike County to gravel Turner Bridge Road.

Chairman Traylor thanked everyone involved with the Animal Shelter groundbreaking. He reported that the turnout for the election was low and encouraged the Commissioners to share the FAQs sheet regarding the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST). He said that the Board of Commissioners could share the information about SPLOST but could not tell them how to vote.

Executive Session

Commissioner Gilles motioned to adjourn the Workshop meeting to go into Executive Session for Real Estate, and at approximately 4:10 p.m. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of Executive Session and resumed the Workshop meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m. Vice-Chairman Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrold Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 21st , 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order.

Chairman Traylor stated that Georgia Code 36-66-5(a) states that Local governments are required to give equal time to both proponents of each zoning application. In addition, the written procedure states that each side shall have no less than ten minutes per side. Each proponent for or against the zoning will have 10 minutes collectively to speak. If time is permitted, each side will have extended time.

Rezoning from Residential 1 to Agriculture-Residential-Magnolia Trace (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015)

Proponents for the Rezoning.

Fransico Mena of Henry County, Georgia, addressed the board. He requests to change the zoning from Residential 1 (R-1) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) zoning. Mr. Mena has been working with Planning and Community Development Director Buice (Ms. Buice) and attended the Planning Commission meeting. He doesn't want to build a Church cemetery or a commercial business, but he wants to build his home on this property with livestock such as chickens, cows, goats, sheep, etc. He will work with the local National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), planning for the livestock and better agricultural management.

Matt Gilbert 2940 Riverside Drive Macon, Georgia. Mr. Gilbert addressed the board and said that his company owns the land and he is a builder and a developer. Mr. Gilbert said that the property has issues related to R-1 zoning. The best way to put this property into use is through homestead usage. The typography of the land has issues, and the cost to develop it would be over a million dollars for 25 lots, and this would not be feasible for his company, so it would be beneficial to change the zoning. The property was on the market for over five years, and no developers purchased it even though they reduced the price. Mr. Gilbert stated that it was foreclosed in 2007, and they bought the remaining lots in Magnolia Trace around 2009 and built houses. The proposed section of the property has been vacant since that time.

Proponents against the Rezoning.

Kevin Brown of 148 Magnolia Trace, Milner, Georgia addressed the board. Mr. Brown stated that this property was developed for Phase II, and the restrictive covenants that would have protected the neighbors were no longer available when the foreclosure happened. Mr. Brown is not personally opposed to the zoning, but the conditions that he

was asking for would limit unfettered development behind a residential subdivision, particularly for those that cannot build a buffer in between them and the property. There is a 50 ft gas easement on the resident's property, and he is one of the residents. Mr. Brown said that this property could not be developed and no buffer or fence can be put on this property with the gas easement, so it is a clear space, and they are not allowed to do anything on this section of the property. He said he would like to have a buffer behind the gas line on the property with a 35-foot vegetive buffer from the property line shared with the R1 zoning. Mr. Brown said that the only access in and out of the property in question is by a 60 ft easement to restrict the nature of the animals the applicant desires to have as long as the property is accessible through a residential subdivision. Mr. Brown realizes that the applicant has dreams and desires to develop this property but the restrictions and conditions that you place on this property for anyone as their development may happen, affects the next owner. Some people may have a desire as to how they will develop the property and if you do not place restrictions on the property the next owner is not bound by the confidence or the promise of the prior owner but only by the conditions that are imposed through zoning. Mr. Brown said that they would like a fence installed on the buffer. They would like the driveway to be paved by 140 ft, which will carry it to the backside of the home, and any portion that is not paved would have some level of vegetative buffer to prevent dirt and dust from coming over onto the neighbor's property. Mr. Brown said that the applicant wants to be a part of the neighborhood with all the benefits. Those benefits should also be afforded to the owners in the subdivision, not to have extraneous uses not similar in condition. Mr. Brown would like for the utilities to be underground. He would also like for there to be a limitation on the number of livestock that the applicant can have on the property, which limits the type of vehicles and traffic going in and out of the subdivision.

Commissioner Lovett addressed Mr. Mena. He stated that the same pipeline runs through his own property, and they have a 50-foot pipeline. They were able to run a fence across but it had to be parallel; therefore, the applicant cannot put a fence on the buffer because there is already a natural 50-foot buffer that cannot be imputed. Each resident, backing up to the pipeline, already has roughly 25 feet of pine trees that act as a vegetative buffer. They have one of the nicest neighborhoods in the community. When you consider livestock, the County currently has in the code, 1 animal per pasture acre unless NRCS approves a pasture plan. Commissioner Lovett said that he saw a proposal from the neighbors where it limited the applicant to 5 animals on 27 acres of pastureland, and from an agricultural standpoint, this is not enough to maintain the property. There would have to be additional equipment that would be necessary to maintain. Mr. Brown said there needs to be some limitations and not unlimited because most of the neighbors fear that once it is rezoned, additional accesses could be given to other adjoining property owners. Commissioner Lovett said the current code would mean five animals on about 27 acres of pastureland. Mr. Brown said that the issue is carrying the animals in and out of the subdivision because there is only one access in and out of the subdivision.

Thomas Meeks of 162 Magnolia Farms Drive, Milner, Georgia addressed the board. Mr. Meeks inquired about the type of animals that the applicant plans to put on the farm. He said that some of these animals put off an odor. He asked if the property is rezoned could

they come back and put a quarter horse racetrack on the property like the one on High Falls Road? Chairman Traylor responded that they could not put in a horse track. He said Mr. Mena mentioned putting sheep, goats, cows, and chickens on the property. Mr. Meeks said that he had lived there for 14 years and wondered what type of farm animals he would have. According to the applicant, Chairman Traylor said this would not be a full-fledged working farm.

Mike Maddox of 120 Magnolia Farms Drive, Milner, Georgia addressed the board. He said that the Board of Commissioners needed to teach the zoning committee how to address the citizens of this County. He said waving your hands and rocking back and forth in the chair, saying things are ludicrous, is unacceptable. The people who came to the zoning meeting had compassion for what was happening. Mr. Maddox said he understood that the applicant wanted to change the zoning for animal purposes. He said that the applicant, in his opinion, wants to change the zoning because he wants to avoid paying the R-1 taxes on the 27 to 29 acres. He said that three years ago, the entire subdivision was not R-1. Mr. Maddox said that this property needs to stay R-1, and the property needs to be developed as Phase 2. Mr. Maddox said that he hates it for Mr. Gilbert and this is the only way he can dump the property, but when the property was up for sale, he was approached by some of the homeowners to buy a couple of acres. Mr. Gilbert said they could buy all of the property are none. Mr. Maddox respectively requested that the zoning not be changed.

Thomas Sparks of 104 Magnolia Farms Drive, Milner, Georgia addressed the board. Mr. Sparks agreed with Mr. Maddox and said it needs to remain under R-1 zoning. He said that the County needs to increase the tax revenue, and everyone who bought into the subdivision expected that to happen. He said there are several farms for sale up and down Chappell Mill Road, and if you want to buy a farm, why subject everyone that has their American dream and home in this community? He said you would have truck traffic coming in and out, and the kids are out there. He said if you have cows, you have to truck them in and out. Mr. Sparks stated that it turns their nice quiet community into an agricultural nightmare for their family and kids. Mr. Sparks said that this is what they wanted and what they bought, and they are upsetting 68 families by allowing this for one person, and he hates it. He asked the board to take this into consideration.

Paul Adams of 186 Magnolia Trace, Milner, Georgia, addressed the board. Mr. Adams said that his home is adjacent to the applicant's farm. He said the only way in and out of the farm was through the neighborhood. It will not increase his property value, and zoning should consider the importance of the surrounding properties. He said that the best-case scenario is that his property value does not change, and the worst-case scenario is that it will be negatively impacted by the animal smells. Mr. Adams said that the gas line runs through his property, which is approximately 50 ft. wide, and half is on his property. He said there is a 25 ft. buffer you can see through. Mr. Adams said he opposed this rezoning and would like the buffer to be stated from the natural gas line easement. Mr. Adams said that he could not plant trees in his back yard and if he did, his yard would wash away. Mr. Adams said this is a neighborhood with only one way in and one way out. He built his house about two years ago and had no idea this could even come into play. He is very disappointed that this is even being considered. Mr. Adams said that he would not have

built here, and this is not good for the County and could happen anywhere in the County with excess property.

Commissioner Lovett had Mr. Sparks return to the podium. Commissioner Lovett stated that several people, including Mr. Sparks, had spoken about leaving the land undisturbed. Commissioner Lovett asked, “If this is the intention of the neighborhood, what is to become of the property”? Mr. Sparks responded that it would be undisturbed. Commissioner Lovett said that if it was financially unfeasible to develop, then what should happen? Mr. Sparks said everyone takes risks when buying things, and this neighborhood was already established. When the neighborhood was established, they had to follow a series of codes, and when the lots were foreclosed on, the codes fell to the wayside. The people who bought the lots thought that this would only be a residential community without the potential of another horse track like the illegal horse tracks in Lamar County. He said that the biggest fear of the residents is having someone else take control of the property after the applicant owns it and uses it for illegal purposes. It was never designed for trucks to come in and out of the subdivision on a weekly basis. Mr. Lovett asked if the neighbors had collectively tried to buy the entire property. Mr. Sparks said he did not because everyone assumed it would go to Phase II and increase the County's tax dollar and property values. Mr. Sparks stated that there is an R-1 deficiency in Lamar County, there is agriculture everywhere, and this County needs to grow. If it becomes an agricultural community, it is another tax freeze zone that they will have to pay for, and the residents will assume the tax burden. Mr. Sparks said that anyone buying this property should be subjected to the same thing as the residents. Mr. Sparks stated that they do not want the farm animals or the ones they are surrounded by now. Commissioner Lovett said that the applicant is asking for a small agricultural farm and a home, but on the backside of the property, it is heavily agricultural, including a horse facility. Mr. Sparks said that at least six residents are ready to put a for sale sign in their front yard if this zoning is approved.

Commissioner Gilles asked “If this zoning is approved, what is the impact of a trailer coming in and out of the subdivision now and then versus two cars per home coming in and out? Mr. Sparks responded that he would take the gamble.

Vice-Chair Thrash inquired about the original zoning of the Magnolia Trace subdivision. Ms. Buice stated that the original subdivision was zoned Agricultural, which was common because no one rezoned the property; they would get subdivision approval. The code now states that if someone wants a subdivision, they will rezone the property with the subdivision approval. Vice-Chair Thrash said that the R-1 zoning was changed during the Countywide rezoning. Originally the subdivision was zoned A-R. Planning and Ms. Buice stated that if the property was to remain R-1 zoning with only one house, he could still apply for conservation, which is only zoned by acreage.

Commissioner Lovett said that Mr. Mena had previously agreed to a curb cut out at the street, a concrete drive the same length as the neighbors, landscaping on the subdivision side or the pipeline conducive to adjacent homes, no building or agricultural activity on the subdivision side of the property, leave existing natural buffer north of the pipeline except for a 25' drive easement, underground utilities north of the pipeline (utility company

decision), site- built 1400 square feet minimum home, one animal per pasture land unless approved by NRCS, no horse track. Mr. Mena said he would agree to all of these stipulations in writing.

Mr. Brown inquired about the buffer. Commissioner Lovett replied that the applicant agreed to a 35' vegetative buffer from the property line shared with R1.

Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Highway Commercial-Tax Map 037, Parcel 010A)-Adam Todd Laney

Ms. Buice explained the rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Highway Commercial, and the applicant is Adam Todd Laney. This property is on 533 Hwy 36 West (Tax Map 037, Parcel 010A) and the corner of Country Kitchen Road. The corner of the property was zoned High-Way Commercial, but the remaining 5 acres were not, but the entire 5 acres were taxed High-Way Commercial for the last three years.

Public Comments

Adam Laney of 295 Logwall Church Road, Forsyth, Georgia addressed the board. He said this is an office he bought for a roll-off company he owns in Lamar County. Their trucks and containers are off-site on Hwy 341. They are using this as office space for landscape material. When they bought the property, half was zoned commercial, and the other half was zoned agricultural-residential, but currently, he is paying commercial taxes on all of the property. They have no plans of expanding, to have it zoned all commercial. They will not re-located their roll-off business to this site because it is easier for the trucks to come in and out of Hwy 341. Mr. Laney said they had a nice wooden fence installed along the front and the side of the property line.

Discussion of Peddler's Permits/Transient Selling for Food Trucks

Vice-Chair Thrash said that she had heard from several brick-and-mortar businesses who said they have a building they have to maintain and pay commercial taxes. They have different rules and regulations. They do not think it is an even playing field to allow food trucks, and because they were not present at the meeting, she told them she would state this for the record.

Ms. Buice gave a background of the Peddler's Permit and Transient Selling license. She said that Lamar County currently has no regulations, specifically for Food Trucks. There are two sections in the Occupation Tax Ordinance that are broad enough to covert the licensing of the food truck, but one license has a maximum of four times a year, and another is unlimited. The popularity of Food Trucks is coming to Lamar County, and a few are already set up. It is good to have regulations to protect the citizens and business owners. Before preparing a draft to consider, she needs to hear from both sides for a starting point. She has read countless Ordinances from other jurisdictions, such as health regulations, equipment features, food safety, and trash receptacle. Only a few places outside the City limits are zoned commercial or industrial, so that is already self-limiting regarding where

Food Trucks can set up. The Board of Commissioners must decide on the duration, how long per day, which days per week, and how many times per year. Once draft Ordinances are written, another Public Hearing will be scheduled to set clear regulations for those who want to use the service and those who do not. Vice-Chair Thrash asked if they could make the regulation for Food Trucks to be only at Special Events. Ms. Buice stated that yes, they could be just at Special Events.

Rezoning from Residential 1 to Agriculture-Residential-Magnolia Trace (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015)

Gay Wallace of 142 Magnolia Trace, Milner, Georgia, addressed the board. Mrs. Wallace said that her home is one of the 13 houses that backs up to the gas line. She and her husband bought their home with the understanding that one day the 30 acres behind them would be developed as an extension of the subdivision with more homes like the ones already in the subdivision. Mrs. Wallace said it was very disheartening to learn that a request had been made to change the land behind them that did not align with their established neighborhood. As stated by other residents of Magnolia Farms, they welcome new neighbors, and the Menas would be no exception. They do not welcome changes in zoning that could affect their property values in the future. Mrs. Wallace said that when she attended the Planning Commission meeting, she felt her concerns were unheard and dismissed with a lack of concern for those who have lived in the Magnolia Farms subdivision for years. She said that she thought that they were spoken to in a condescending manner. Mrs. Wallace humbly asked the board to truly hear their concerns and protect the property values of all those concerned and to please let their voice be heard too. Mrs. Wallace concluded that she thought the board was very respectful and that they had listened.

Commissioner Gilles said that she was at the Planning Commission meeting, and everyone she knew had a chance to come to the podium, and they were heard, and some of them spoke for 10 minutes. Commissioner Gilles said it was a long meeting, and she saw something completely different.

Mr. Adams said that they did not argue with the Planning Commission member on the stage but that he was flapping his arms and hands and talking down to the neighbors, and he is not even an elected official. He said it was recommended for approval at the end of the Planning Commission meeting. About 10 minutes later, when they spoke about future planning, Ms. Buice said, "There is so much agriculture in this county who is going to pay for it." Mr. Adams said he could not wrap his arms around this.

Jack Williams of 115 Sweet Bay Circle, Milner, Georgia, addressed the board. He said that he has lived in Lamar County for ten years and did not move here to be next to an agricultural area. He said that on the backside of his property, they do not cause any real problems, but there are noises with the farming, and you can smell the manure. Mr. Williams said that this zoning would change the neighborhood. He said that there are a lot of kids and mothers pushing strollers. Mr. Williams said the traffic would be an area of concern, and he thought other homes would be built on this property. He concluded by saying he does not care for this rezoning.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
March 21st, 2023**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Davidson, and County Attorney Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Scott Weaver of the Lasting Impact Church gave the invocation.

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Thrash made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting-February 16th, 2023
- ii. Public Hearing-February 21st, 2023
- iii. Regular Business Meeting-February 21st, 2023

V. Proclamations

Commissioner Gilles presented the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation to the Division of Family Children Services (DFACS) Director Kelly Page and other members from DFACS.

Chairman Traylor presented the Gordon College-2022 National Club Football Association (NCFA) National Champions Proclamation to Gordon College President Dr. Kirk Nooks and his family.

Vice-Chair Thrash presented the Wrestling Championship to Clint Williamson for the GHSA State 1A Wrestling Championship title and noted his place in history as the first to win this distinguished title.

VI. Minutes Approval

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve the following three sets of minutes. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Workshop Meeting 1-12-2023
- ii. Regular Business Meeting 1-17-2023
- iii. Special Called Meeting 1-19-2023
- iv. Lamar County Commissioners Planning Workshop & Retreat 1-26-1-27-2023

VII. Ordinance 2023-03 Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Highway Commercial (Tax Map 037 Parcel 010A)

Commissioner Gilles made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 Rezoning from Agriculture-Residential to Highway Commercial (Tax Map 037 Parcel 010A) subject to the following conditions:

- Leave existing undisturbed buffer along the back corner of the property
- Install privacy fence along rear property line from Country Kitchen Road to start of an existing tree buffer

Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Ordinance 2023-04 Rezoning from Residential-1 to Agriculture-Residential (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015)

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04 Rezoning from Residential-1 to Agriculture-Residential (Tax Map 052, Parcel 015) subject to the following conditions; No Manufactured Homes, No Local, State, or Federal Buildings, No publicly owned and operated park or recreation area, No commercial poultry house, No utility Substation, No private cemetery, No home business that is the base of operations for large equipment companies, No hunting/deer camps, No small scale Agritourism, No signs, Underground utilities north of the pipeline, if available through the utility company, A paved or concrete driveway that matches the length of the neighboring property owners, Curb cutout on the street, Landscaping north of the pipeline that is in line with neighboring property owners, 50' vegetative buffer along the north property line, No horse track. Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. Commissioner Fletcher opposed the motion. The motion passed 3-1.

IX. CSRA Probation Contract

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the CSRA Probation Contract providing probation services and programs for the Superior Court of Lamar County, Georgia.

Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Owner-Consultant Agreement-Lamar County Master Services on Call EXP US Services, Inc.

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve the Owner-Consultant Agreement-Lamar County Master Services on Call EXP US Services, Inc. to retain the consultant to provide engineering, Planning and Design consulting services on an On-Call Basis with the stipulation that the late fee charge be renegotiated. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Surplus Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve the following list of surplus vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1980 Chevrolet S6000 Bus Vin# 6237
- 2005 Ford Truck-Vin#1036
- 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche-Vin# 0798
- 2008 Dodge 4 Door Charger-Vin #9861
- 2008 Jeep Cherokee-Vin # 7315
- 2011 Ford F150 Vin # 3382
- 2014 Ford 4 Door Caprice Police-Vin#0473
- 2015 Dodge Charger-Vin #2733
- 2019 Dodge 4 Door Charger-1896

XII. Administrator's Report

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. Reported that revenues for February are at 9.48 % and the expenditures for February are at 13.41%.
- ii. Reported that the cash flow is below forecast because of prior year revenues.
- iii. Reported on the gym renovations and replacing toilets and countertops for the concession stand. The groundbreaking with the Commissioners should happen in April.
- iv. Reported that the repeater on the North end of the County had been down for around two weeks but is back up and running.
- v. Reported sheetrock and ceiling tiles were installed in the new Administration building.
- vi. Reported that the Animal Shelter groundbreaking had a large turnout.
- vii. Reported that he is working on an RFP for the roof repairs at the Courthouse and the Jail.
- viii. Reported that the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for February was \$141,477.19.
- ix. Reported that the Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for February was \$242,407.59.
- x. Reported that the Transportation Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (TSPLOST) for February was \$217,824.81.

Vice-Chair Thrash said that on Facebook, there were comments about the Board of Commissioners building an Administration Building even though the citizens voted it down. Vice-Chair Thrash said they voted down a new Justice Center, not an Administration building. She said it would have cost the taxpayers 10 to 14 million dollars to build a new Administration building, but renovating the old Fred's building would only cost around 3 million dollars.

Chairman Traylor said that County Administrator Townsend and the staff do a wonderful job managing the expenses. He said it is exciting to see where the County is now as opposed to six years ago. He said that was at the Gym to vote today, and it looks fabulous and is looking forward to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony soon.

X. Public Comments

Elaine Hallada of 131 Steeple Chase addressed the board. Mrs. Hallada congratulated the Board of Commissioners on the groundbreaking for the animal shelter. Her concerns were with the following:

- The developer failed to do what was promised in Magnolia Trace. She would like a penalty implemented for the developer or something to hold them accountable. She hopes that this does not happen in Redbone. Mrs. Hallada requested that the Commissioners look at this issue and do something about it.
- Mrs. Hallada said she attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding the R-1 to Agricultural zoning. She said there was a room of people who did not want the Agricultural zoning. Mrs. Hallada said this is not very democratic because if you had ten people and one was for it and nine opposed, where does the democracy come in with the decision? She said that the Commissioners need to consider the number of people opposed to something. The Board of Commissioners did not listen to the residents of Magnolia Trace that did not want the zoning to be changed from R-1 to Agricultural zoning.
- Mrs. Hallada said that at the last meeting, she talked about problems at the dump, and now they have another problem at the dump with people being overcharged.
- Concerns about campaign contributions from AmWaste for those that serve on the Solid Waste Authority Board because it is a conflict of interest. Mrs. Hallada asked each Commissioner if they received contributions from AmWaste.
 - a. Commissioner Fletcher responded that he did not
 - b. Commissioner Lovett responded that he did not.
 - c. Commissioner Gilles responded that she did not.
 - d. Chairman Traylor responded that he did receive a contribution.
 - e. Vice-Chair Thrash said that she was not going to answer that question.

Mrs. Hallada stated that Vice-Chair Thrash obviously did. Vice-Chair Thrash said she could not assume that she did or did not and she had no right to ask that question. Mrs. Hallada said that it was a public meeting. Chairman Traylor stated that Vice-Chair Thrash did not have to answer, but the question was public record, and Mrs. Hallada could have looked this up if she wanted to know. Mrs. Hallada inquired about the Commissioners that are on the Solid Waste Authority board. Chairman Traylor said that he serves on this board. Vice-Chair Thrash answered that she also serves on the board. Mrs. Hallada said that this was a conflict of interest and said that there needs to be another Commissioner on the board because they are obviously having trouble. Mrs. Hallada said that if you accept a campaign donation from any entity, you should not serve on that board that is associated with the entity. Chairman Traylor clarified that AmWaste is not a part of the Solid Waste Authority. They have a contract with AmWaste to do roadside garbage pickup and manage the facility, but AmWaste is not a part of the Solid Waste Authority. Mrs. Hallada said that the problem was with the administration of the facility. She said that citizens are going out there to dump, and they cannot dump, and they are turned away and charged when they should not have been charged. Mrs. Hallada said that they should address the issue of the dumping by making a public comment or on the County website about the rules.

Chairman Traylor stated that AmWaste and the Solid Waste Authority are different entities but meet together. AmWaste was not holding up to their end of the contract, so they met and the issue with dumping has been resolved.

James Hyde of 116 White Oak Drive, Jackson, Georgia, addressed the board. Mr. Hyde stated that he honors our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He said that all government originates with the people and public officers are servants to the people. Mr. Hyde recited the State of Georgia Codes as follows:

- Chapter 5, article 8, the power of the County governing authority to levy and has levying power to collect taxes for educational purposes.
- OCGA 48-5-400: the governing authority may levy and collect taxes for educational purposes in such amount as the county governing authority shall determine.
- Code Section 48-5-401: each County Board of Education shall annually recommend to the County Governing Authority the rate of levy to be made for taxes to support the education of the County.

Mr. Hyde said that the State law is very clear; the only body empowered to levy and collect taxes within the County is the County governing authorities which are the Commissioners. The School Board must recommend, but recommendations can be denied. Mr. Hyde said that taxes in Lamar County are out of control. For years they have said there is nothing they can do about the school taxes. As you have just learned, this is completely false, and the responsibility is solely on the Board of Commissioners. The Lamar County School system is failing, according to Mr. Hyde. According to Mr. Hyde, the State's website in 2015-2019 scored four C's and one D in the high school and the middle school scored one C, three D's, and an F, and the elementary school has two C's, two D's, and an F. Mr. Hyde insisted that the Board of Commissioners demand improvement from the schools before one single dollar of public money is appropriated to the School Board and a written plan of improvement with milestones affecting the Administrators' salaries. Mr. Hyde said this information is now exposed, and they can no longer pass along exuberant taxes claiming no responsibility. You must put your nose to the grindstone and do the hard work, and you must eliminate wasteful spending and prioritize all spending for the good of the whole as required by the Constitution. You must improve operational efficiency and demand the very same from every entity that draws from the public funds of Lamar County.

XI. Round Table

Commissioner Gilles said that zoning is one of the hardest things for the Commissioners, and she is a firm believer in property rights. She said that they do hear the people, and they hear Mrs. Hallada all the time, and she wants to work on a way to mitigate a plan where people are not coming to speak time after time on the same issues but acknowledged that there are issues. Commissioner Gilles said that at the same time, where do the issues and the property rights balance out, and what does the State say they can do?

Vice-Chair Thrash said that she has been fighting the truck weight increase bill before the State Legislature, and she appreciated the Board of Commissioners for backing her on this. She said that logging is a big industry in the community. Vice-Chair Thrash said that the taxpayers paid \$360,000.00 to pave Silver Dollar Road, and almost a year later, Silver Dollar

Road was destroyed by logging trucks. She understands that logging contributes to Georgia Finance, but at what point do you stop putting your hands into the taxpayers' pockets with no concern for them? Vice-Chair Thrash said that the bill has no provisions for the taxpayers. If it passes out of committee, it will go over to the Senate, and they will continue to fight it in all the districts. Vice-Chair Thrash said that a \$5,000.00 attached to the bond that the loggers put up will not touch \$136,000.00 a mile to pave a road. Vice-Chair Thrash asked the citizens to contact Senator Marty Harbin, requesting they refrain from raising the truck weights on the local County roads.

Chairman Traylor said that education is important and should be at the forefront of everyone's mind whether their child attends public or private school. He said that education is important because these people will be taking care of them as they continue to age and live and move throughout the community. Chairman Traylor thanked Mrs. Hallada for speaking on the Solid Waste Authority because some people might need to learn that those procedures were done incorrectly. He thanked all those that went out and voted. Chairman Traylor thanked all those that came out to the animal shelter groundbreaking. They are excited about the facility because it will be State of the Art and one of the nicest animal shelters in the area. Chairman Traylor said that it is always nice when people come to the community to see things going on, and he feels that other people will be coming to see what they can do to improve or build their animal shelter. Chairman Traylor thanked those that donated to the boy scouts. He thanked those who showed up to the ceremony where he received the Golden Eagle award and said that it was a wonderful experience and will go down in his heart forever. Chairman Traylor said that a tragedy happened in Lamar County and sent his condolences to the family that lost a loved one. He said that anytime something happens in the community, it affects the whole community, and life is bigger than what was ever imagined.

Vice-Chair Thrash said she misspoke when she told Mrs. Hallada that she couldn't ask her a question and that she is absolutely right that she can ask her that question. Vice-Chair Thrash encouraged people to request their financial disclosures that the Commissioner's file with Elections. She said they have to list who they receive campaign donations from and if they are a part of any businesses.

XII. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

Jarrold Fletcher, Commissioner

Jason Lovett, Commissioner

Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2-2 OF THE LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”; TO ARTICLE II ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”; TO AMEND DIVISION 1 ENTITLED “GENERALLY”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

SECTION 1. Code Sections Amended. Chapter 2-2 of the Lamar County, Georgia, Code of Ordinances entitled “Administration” is hereby amended by deleting Sections 2-2-26 through 2-2-50 in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof new Sections 2-2-26 through 2-2-50 to read as follows:

Secs. 2-2-26 through 2-2-50. Reserved.

Note: It is the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all matters addressed in these former code sections now be addressed in the Lamar County Personnel Policy as amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

A. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Board of Commissioners to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

B. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other Section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other Section,

paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

C. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

JARROD FLETCHER

ASHLEY GILLES

JASON LOVETT

NANCY THRASH

ATTEST:

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

(SEAL)

First Reading: _____

Second Reading/
Adoption: _____

**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING PROPERTY IN LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia (hereinafter “County”) under the authority of its County Code and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia, is empowered to by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County, and to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County has enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of the County and thereby adopted the Official Zoning Map of the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2023, Amanda Gamez and Billy Butler Smith initiated an application to change the zoning classification of the within described property from AR (Agricultural Residential) to R-1 (Residential -1); and

WHEREAS, notice of this application, public hearings, and action was properly advertised in the legal organ, a sign was placed on the subject property, and letters describing the application and hearing dates were sent to property owners within 300’ of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 6, 2023, and the application was reviewed by the Lamar County Planning Commission, and a second public hearing on the application was conducted by the County on April 18, 2023 pursuant to O.C.G.A. §33-66-1, *et seq.* and local ordinances at the Lamar County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considered the proposed amendment, and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Planning Commission, and all data and evidence taken at both public hearings; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the County that rezoning the within described property and amending the Official Zoning Map of the County is in conformance with the sound comprehensive planning principles, of substantial benefit to the public, and in promotion of the best interest and general welfare of the people of the County. Now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAMAR COUNTY,
GEORGIA**

Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, and the Official Zoning Map of Lamar County, Georgia, designating the boundaries of several types or classes of zoning districts within the County, shall be, and are hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

See Attachment “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein

From AR (Agricultural Residential) to R-1 (Residential-1).

Section 2. The Official Zoning Map of the County is hereby amended to reflect such zoning classification for the within described property.

Section 3.

- A. It is hereby declared to the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Board of Commissioners to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.
- B. It is hereby declared to the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.
- C. In the event of any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decrees of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners that such invalidity, unconstitutionality, or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and full force and effect.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2023

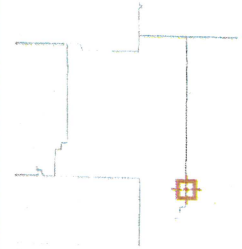
RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

ATTEST:



CARLETTE DAVIDSON, County Clerk



Overview



Legend

-  Parcels
-  Parcel Numbers
-  Roads

Parcel ID 097 007
 Class Code Consv Use
 Taxing District COUNTY
 Acres 301.79

Owner Smith Billy B
 905 Brent Rd
 Barnesville, GA 30204
 Physical Address YELLOW HOLLY RD
 Assessed Value Value \$700809

Last 2 Sales

Date	Price	Reason	Qual
9/15/2022	0	ED	U
1/14/2014	0	CU	U

(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

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RESOLUTION 2023-01
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA
MAJOR SUBDIVISION-FOX CROSSING PHASE 3B

WHEREAS, NBC @ Fox Crossing, has applied for Final Plat approval of Fox Crossing Phase 3B. This portion contains 63 lots and four new roads. The property access is located on Fox Crossing Road, Griffin GA, Land Lots 103 and 122 of the 6th Land District, as shown on Tax Map 040, Parcel 001 and recorded in Deed Book 1031, page 263; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is applying under Lamar County Code Appendix A Development Regulations, Article 4; and

WHEREAS, notice of this application, public hearing, and action was properly advertised in the legal organ, a sign was placed on the subject property, and letters describing the application and hearing date were sent to property owners within 300' of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing as advertised was held on April 18 at 7:00 pm with the Board of Commissioners to consider the application and giving an opportunity for interested persons to be heard;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, after hearing all matters and evidence presented at this public hearing and after considering all factors involving the application, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, determine that the application for the final plat of Fox Crossing Phase 3B be approved in accordance with the Lamar County Appendix A Development Regulations Ordinance.

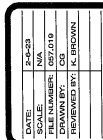
Approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

 RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

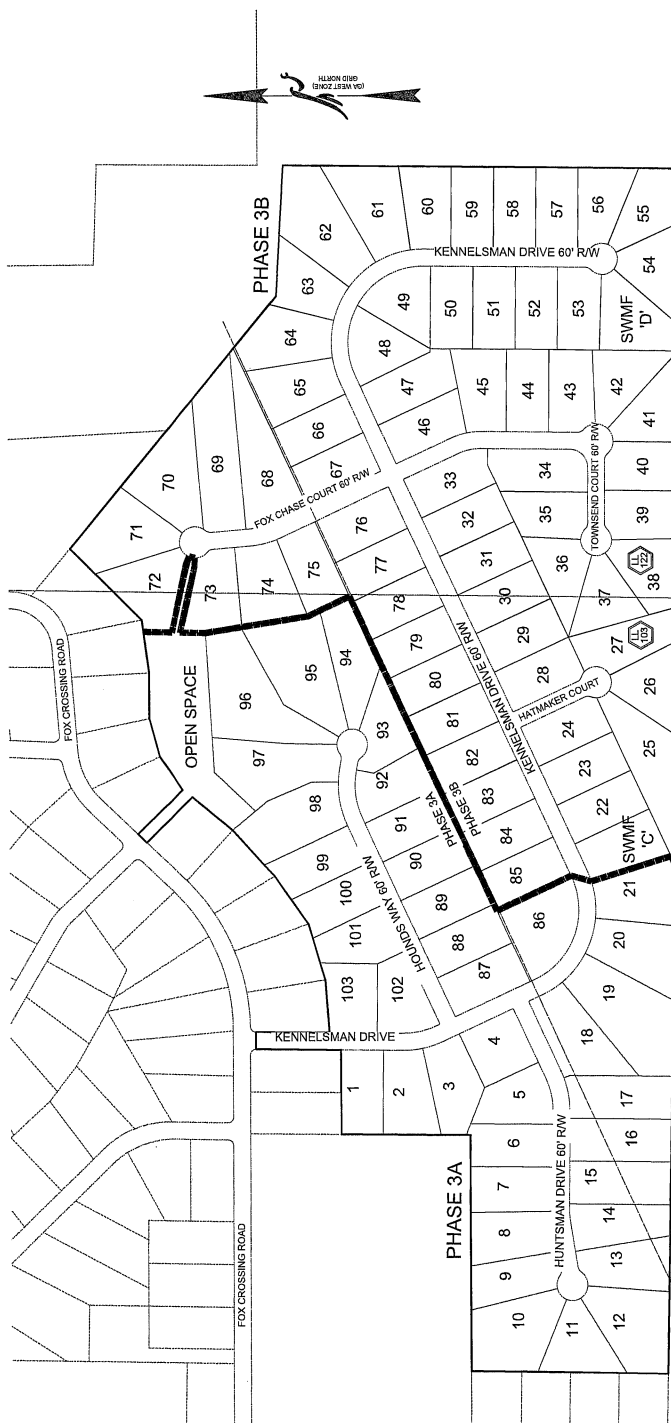
Attest:

 CARLETTE DAVIDSON, County Clerk
 (seal)

PHASE 3 OVERALL
(1st=200')



FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT
FOX CROSSING
PHASE 3B
LOCATED IN:
1 AND LOTS 103 & 122, 3RD DISTRICT
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA



FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT
FOX CROSSING
PHASE 3B
LAND LOTS 103 & 122, 3RD DISTRICT
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

OWNER/DEVELOPER:
NIBC HOMES AT FOX CROSSING, LLC
2775 CORPORATE DR. STE. E
STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281
770-914-0795

24 HOUR CONTACT:
GARY ADAMS
770-914-0795

SURVEYOR
ALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS, LLC.
35 CORPORATE CENTER DRIVE
STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA 30281
Ph. (770) 289-8858 • Fax (770) 398-8858

VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE

**RESOLUTION 2023-02
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA
MAJOR SUBDIVISION-FOX CROSSING PHASE 3B
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS**

WHEREAS, NBC Homes at Fox Crossing, LLC has received Final Plat approval of Fox Crossing Phase 3B. This portion contains 63 lots, a stormwater drainage system, and four new roads. The property access is located on Fox Crossing Road, Griffin GA, Land Lots 103 and 122 of the 6th Land District, as shown on Tax Map 040, Parcel 001 and recorded in Deed Book 1031, page 263; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has constructed four interior roads for this development; and

WHEREAS, the construction of these roads have been tested and found to meet applicable county regulations for road construction; and

WHEREAS, NBC Homes at Fox Crossing, LLC has provided maintenance bonds to protect the integrity of the road system for a period of two years; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, after hearing all matters and evidence presented and after considering all factors involving the application, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, determine the following roads be accepted by Lamar County as county maintained roads and to accept the deeds as presented:

Kennelsman Drive, Hatmaker Court, Fox Chase Court, and Townsend Court
in accordance with the Lamar County Appendix A Development Regulations Ordinance.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

Attest:

CARLETTE DAVIDSON, County Clerk
(seal)



Board of Commissioners
Lamar County
408 Thomaston Street
Barnesville, Georgia 30204

Charles Glass, Chairman
Nancy Thrash, Vice Chair
Jarrod Fletcher, 1st District
Jason Lovett, 2nd District
Ashley Gilles, 3rd District

Sean Townsend
County Administrator
Office: (770) 358-5146
Fax: (770) 358-5149

April 11, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

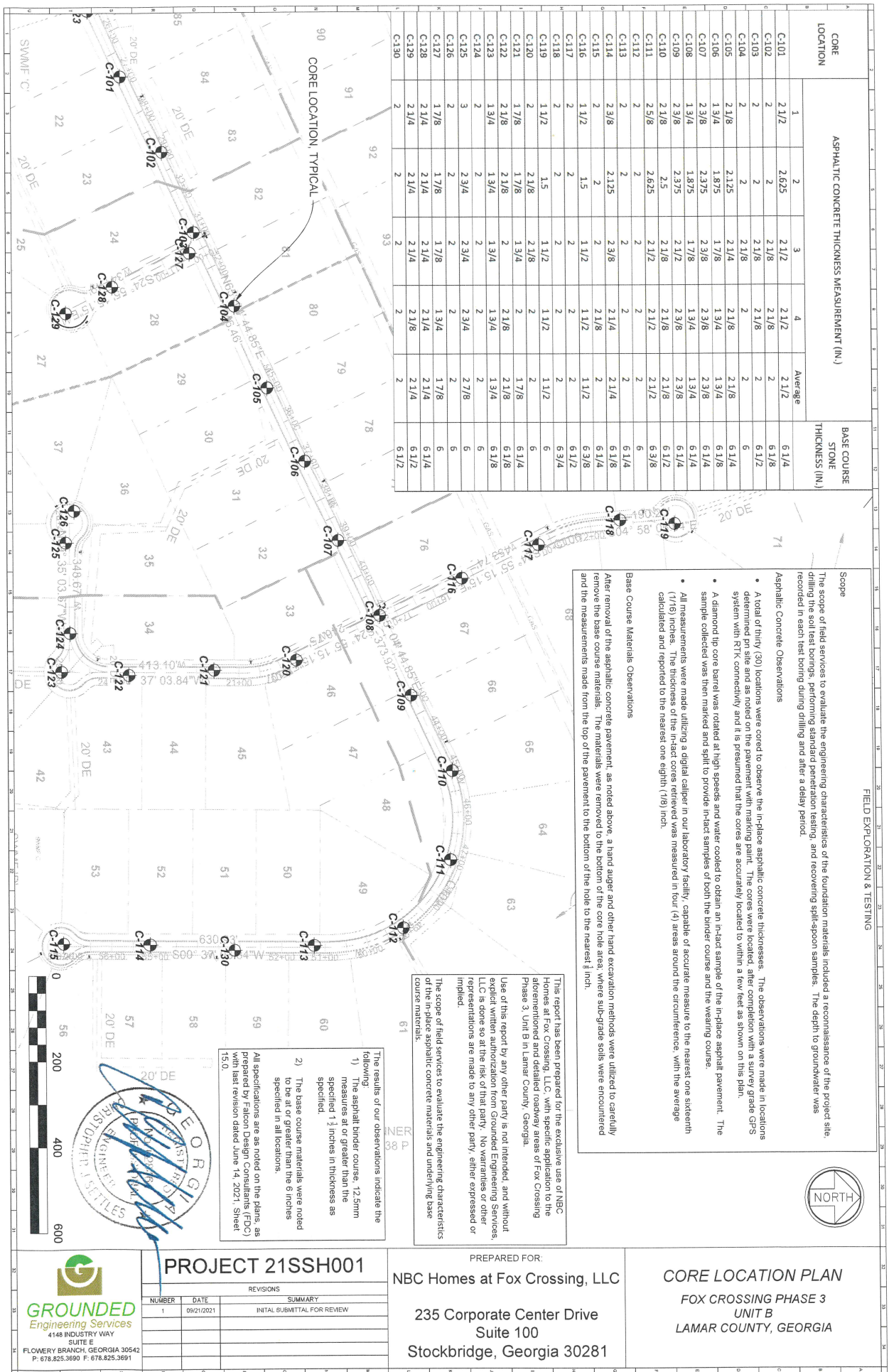
Re: Inspection of Fox Crossing Phase II

Upon inspecting issues described in Refusal of Fox Crossing Phase II. The owner has made repairs to issues.

1. Fencing installed around ponds as required.
2. Washout of shoulders have been graded and seeded as needed.
3. Silt fencing has been replaced or repaired as needed.
4. Mud cleared from Phase II streets as needed.
5. Asphalt failure is in Phase I and should be addressed, repairs require inspection by Lamar County Public Works before topcoat is applied.

Sincerely,

James Rigdon
Director of Public Works
770-358-5090



**RESOLUTION 2023-03
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA
MAJOR SUBDIVISION-FOX CROSSING PHASE 3B
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, NBC Homes at Fox Crossing, LLC has received Final Plat approval of Fox Crossing Phase 3B. This portion contains 63 lots, a stormwater drainage system, and four new roads. The property access is located on Fox Crossing Road, Griffin GA, Land Lots 103 and 122 of the 6th Land District, as shown on Tax Map 040, Parcel 001 and recorded in Deed Book 1031, page 263; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has constructed stormwater drainage system including gutters, inlets, and culverts for this development; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this system has been tested and found to meet applicable county regulations for drainage construction; and

WHEREAS, NBC Homes at Fox Crossing, LLC has provided maintenance bonds to protect the integrity of the drainage system for a period of two years; and

WHEREAS, after hearing all matters and evidence presented and after considering all factors involving the application, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, determined the stormwater drainage system as constructed in Fox Crossing Phase 3B is acceptable as a county maintained system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the above facts and as provided by law in accordance with the Lamar County Appendix A Development Regulations Ordinance, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia does hereby accept the stormwater drainage system in Fox Crossing Phase 3B as stated hereinabove.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

Attest:

CARLETTE DAVIDSON, County Clerk

(seal)



Field Verification of Stormwater As-Built
Fox Crossing Subdivision Phase 3B
March 13, 2023
By Douglas Munnell PE
For Lamar County

All stormwater facilities shown on the as-built drawings were in the field at the locations noted. The size and shape of the detention ponds and their outlet control structures matched the as-built drawings.

CHARLES ABBOTT ASSOCIATES, INC.

20 POINTE NORTH DRIVE, SUITE 107, CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA 30354
TOLL FREE: (866) 530-4980
WWW.CAA.INC

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

WHEREAS, Lamar County (“County”) is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia with full authority and responsibility to regulate and control the roads, streets, sidewalks and bridges within the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, Rock Springs Road is a road located in the unincorporated area of the County and that is maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, recent growth in the area served by Rock Springs Road has caused increased traffic on said road far in excess of what said road was built to accommodate; and

WHEREAS, the Lamar County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) desires to research the feasibility of improving, paving and widening Rock Springs Road to accommodate the increased traffic and wants to ask for engineering, labor, materials and other assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation (“DOT”); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interests of the County to authorize the Chairman and the County Administrator to contact the DOT to engage their assistance in improving said road.

NOW THEREFORE, UPON MOTION BEING DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the Chairman of the Board, the County Administrator, or their designee to contact the DOT to seek their assistance with improving Rock Springs Road including, but not limited to, engineering, labor, materials, paving, and for related matters.

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all acts taken by the Board prior to this Resolution concerning the subject matter of this Resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2023.

Ryran Traylor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

(SEAL)

SURPLUS VEHICLES	Apr-23		
Year	Make	Model	Vin
2018	Dodge	Charger	3611
2014	Dodge	Charger	0129



Lamar County Board of Commissioners

Lamar County
408 Thomaston Street
Barnesville, Georgia 30204

Item i.

Ryran Traylor, Chairman
Nancy Thrash, Vice Chairman
Jarrod Fletcher, 1st District
Jason Lovett, 2nd District
Ashley Gilles, 3rd District

Sean Townsend, County Administrator
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk
Kristy Johnston, Finance Director
Martha Windle, Accounting Technician
Lesley Kilchriss, Human Resources/Payroll

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Members of the
Lamar County Board of Commissioners
From: Sean Townsend, County Administrator
Date: April 18th, 2023
RE: County Administrator's Report

FY 2023 Budget and Financial Review

- Finance Report by Department and Revenue Sources
- Cash and TAN Balances as of April 13, 2023
- The March 2023 Cash Flow Chart is running slightly lower than projections.
- FY 2023 Program of Work
- Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Collection Chart
- 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Collection Chart
- 2021 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

Lamar County Finance Report for the Month of March 2023

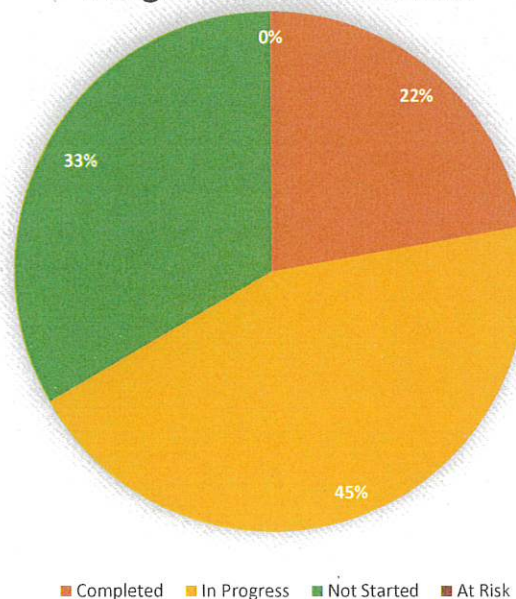
Lamar County Finance Report for the Month of March 2023							
% of Year Completed:							25.00%
Revenue	MTD	YTD	Run Rate	Projected Budget Difference	Budgeted	Balance of Budget	25.00%
General Fund							
Taxes/Fees	\$553,493.30	\$1,240,898.95	\$4,963,595.80	\$10,815,059.05	\$12,055,958.00	\$10,815,059.05	10.29%
Licenses & Permits	\$28,976.98	\$53,538.03	\$214,152.12	\$144,961.97	\$198,500.00	\$144,961.97	26.97%
Intergovernmental	\$11,003.47	\$493,687.25	\$1,974,749.00	\$80,080.75	\$573,768.00	\$80,080.75	86.04%
Charges for Services	\$28,502.87	\$67,376.01	\$269,504.04	\$447,927.99	\$515,304.00	\$447,927.99	13.08%
Fines/Fortitures	\$31,325.70	\$71,383.04	\$285,532.16	\$446,316.96	\$517,700.00	\$446,316.96	13.79%
Investment Income	\$156.91	\$182.36	\$729.44	-\$117.36	\$65.00	(\$117.36)	280.55%
Contrib/Donation Private	\$3,000.00	\$29,497.79	\$117,991.16	-\$29,497.79	\$0.00	(\$29,497.79)	100.00%
Miscellaneous (reimb property damage)	\$39,638.53	\$66,881.21	\$267,524.84	\$70,259.79	\$137,141.00	\$70,259.79	48.77%
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTAL:	\$696,097.76	\$2,023,444.64	\$8,093,778.56	\$11,974,991.36	\$13,998,436.00	\$11,974,991.36	14.45%
Expense	MTD	YTD	Run Rate	Projected Budget Difference	Budgeted	Balance of Budget	25.00%
General Fund							
Commissioners	\$90,854.52	\$222,650.88	\$890,603.52	\$1,236,915.12	\$1,459,566.00	\$1,236,915.12	15.25%
Board of Elections	\$28,404.40	\$63,035.12	\$252,140.48	\$260,763.88	\$323,799.00	\$260,763.88	19.47%
Tax Commissioner	\$21,700.18	\$72,020.34	\$288,081.36	\$268,973.66	\$340,994.00	\$268,973.66	21.12%
Courthouse Grounds & Public Bldg	\$33,907.68	\$112,296.48	\$449,185.92	\$352,500.52	\$464,797.00	\$352,500.52	24.16%
Tax Assessor	\$31,297.31	\$85,431.80	\$341,727.20	\$381,855.20	\$467,287.00	\$381,855.20	18.28%
Superior Court	\$1,699.34	\$151,663.66	\$606,654.64	\$453,062.34	\$604,726.00	\$453,062.34	25.08%
Clerk of Superior Court/Board of Equalizati	\$33,536.33	\$98,373.26	\$393,493.04	\$375,580.74	\$473,954.00	\$375,580.74	20.76%
District Attorney	\$2,944.78	\$8,677.03	\$34,708.12	\$25,100.97	\$33,778.00	\$25,100.97	25.69%
Magistrate Court	\$11,469.67	\$37,339.93	\$149,359.72	\$122,230.07	\$159,570.00	\$122,230.07	23.40%
Probate Court	\$22,634.10	\$67,999.20	\$271,996.80	\$242,399.80	\$310,399.00	\$242,399.80	21.91%
Sheriff	\$240,216.58	\$644,044.56	\$2,576,178.24	\$2,088,225.44	\$2,732,270.00	\$2,088,225.44	23.57%
Jail Operation & Building	\$124,451.46	\$320,818.76	\$1,283,275.04	\$1,021,688.24	\$1,342,507.00	\$1,021,688.24	23.90%
Fire Department	\$70,443.16	\$226,212.30	\$904,849.20	\$756,779.70	\$982,992.00	\$756,779.70	23.01%
EMS	\$66,416.00	\$199,248.00	\$796,992.00	\$575,049.00	\$774,297.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Coroner/Medical Examiner	\$2,955.16	\$7,720.49	\$30,881.96	\$23,102.51	\$30,823.00	\$23,102.51	25.05%
E-911	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,347.00	\$74,347.00	\$74,347.00	0.00%
EMA	\$2,528.41	\$11,054.23	\$44,216.92	\$35,095.77	\$46,150.00	\$35,095.77	23.95%
Public Works	\$92,627.14	\$219,796.70	\$879,186.80	\$1,525,138.30	\$1,744,935.00	\$1,525,138.30	12.60%
Public Health Administration	\$8,333.33	\$24,999.99	\$99,999.96	\$80,000.01	\$105,000.00	\$80,000.01	23.81%
DFCS	\$1,458.33	\$4,374.99	\$17,499.96	\$15,125.01	\$19,500.00	\$15,125.01	22.44%
Senior Citizens	\$24,215.64	\$51,449.87	\$205,799.48	\$174,677.13	\$226,127.00	\$174,677.13	22.75%
Public Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	0.00%
Recreation/facilities/museum & Ag Arena	\$36,527.43	\$90,986.78	\$363,947.12	\$398,445.22	\$489,432.00	\$398,445.22	18.59%
Library	\$24,368.58	\$73,105.74	\$292,422.96	\$219,317.26	\$292,423.00	\$219,317.26	25.00%
Consevation Administration & Forest Reso	\$4,373.89	\$12,550.40	\$50,201.60	\$50,749.60	\$63,300.00	\$50,749.60	19.83%
UGA County Extension	\$4,594.36	\$13,209.32	\$52,837.28	\$91,633.68	\$104,843.00	\$91,633.68	12.60%
Zoning	\$24,382.28	\$57,967.60	\$231,870.40	\$175,752.40	\$233,720.00	\$175,752.40	24.80%
Economic Development/IDA	\$5,833.33	\$17,499.99	\$69,999.96	\$52,500.01	\$70,000.00	\$52,500.01	25.00%
TOTAL:	\$1,012,173.39	\$2,894,527.42	\$11,578,109.68	\$11,094,908.58	\$13,989,436.00	\$11,094,908.58	20.69%
This is the difference between remaining revenue collection and remaining expenditures			\$ (3,484,331.12)	\$ 880,082.78			
General Fund					\$9,000.00		
Month	(\$316,075.63)						
YTD	(\$871,082.78)						

		4/13/2023	
	GENERAL FUND		
	Checking/Money Market Account		
	Sweeping/Reserve	\$4,023,594.86	
	ARP Grant	\$1,762,865.96	
	Construction	\$986,211.59	
	Sinking	\$94,614.97	
	TSPLOST	\$5,628,051.63	
	Hotel / Motel Tax	\$8,584.22	
	Payroll Checking 24237	\$1,171.24	
	General Fund 41178	\$374,377.12	
	E911 Landline 5200399	\$30,626.29	
	Recreation 0027	\$1,328.70	
	Jury Script 3376	\$2,288.29	
	Drug Fund	\$2,955.93	
	Capital Project	\$0.00	
	Total Cash:	\$12,916,670.80	
	GRAND TOTAL MONEY GENERAL FUND		\$12,916,670.80
	SPLOST FUNDS		
	SPLOST II	\$0.00	
	SPLOST III	\$263,120.67	
	Total Cash:	\$263,120.67	
	GRAND TOTAL MONEY SPLOST FUND		\$263,120.67
	GRAND TOTAL OF ALL MONIES		\$13,179,791.47
	2023 Line of Credit		
	Beginning Balance	Balance Received	Remaining Balance
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Note:			

Lamar County Board of Commissioners
FY 2022-23 Program of Work
Updated April 13th, 2023

Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
Equipment & Vehicle Purchase		
1. Request to purchase two vehicles from SPLOST February 15th	Sheriff	All cars have been received.
Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
Park & Recreation Projects		
2. Lamar County Recreation Gym	County Administrator	Consulting with company about the insulation and the fire retardant/paint. All the updates have been completed, and we now need to update the bathrooms and the concession stand.
Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
Facilities Maintenance		
3. Windows for front of the courthouse	County Administrator	Requesting a quote for windows for front of the courthouse
Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
Other Projects		
4. High Falls Park Road Tower	Fire Chief	New tower is completed and the repeater is installed at 280 ft.
5. Renovation for New Administration Building	County Administrator	All walls have been completed with sheetrock, electrical, plumbing, first coat of paint, etc. The added wall and door in the Board of Elections area.
6. Lamar County Animal Shelter	County Administrator	Mr. Armstrong is working on the final plans for Electrical, plumbing, tec. Working with AES on the septic tank.
7. TSPLOST Phase I	Public Works Director County Administrator Contractor: EXP	Award letter have send to approved vendors for the county's paving projects. Paving dates TBA
8. Courthouse Roof repairs	County Administrator	Working with a Roof Consultant
9. Detention Cener roof repairs	County Administrator	Working with a Roof Consultant

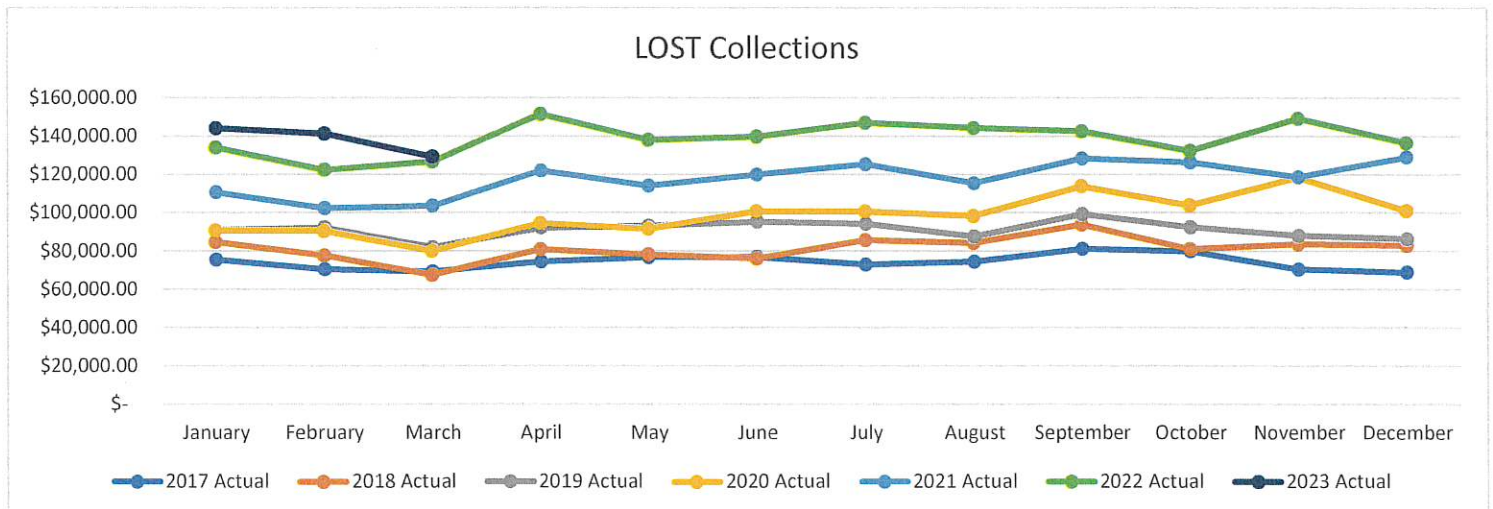
Program of Work Status



Lamar County Board of Commissioners
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)
COLLECTION CHART

Item i.

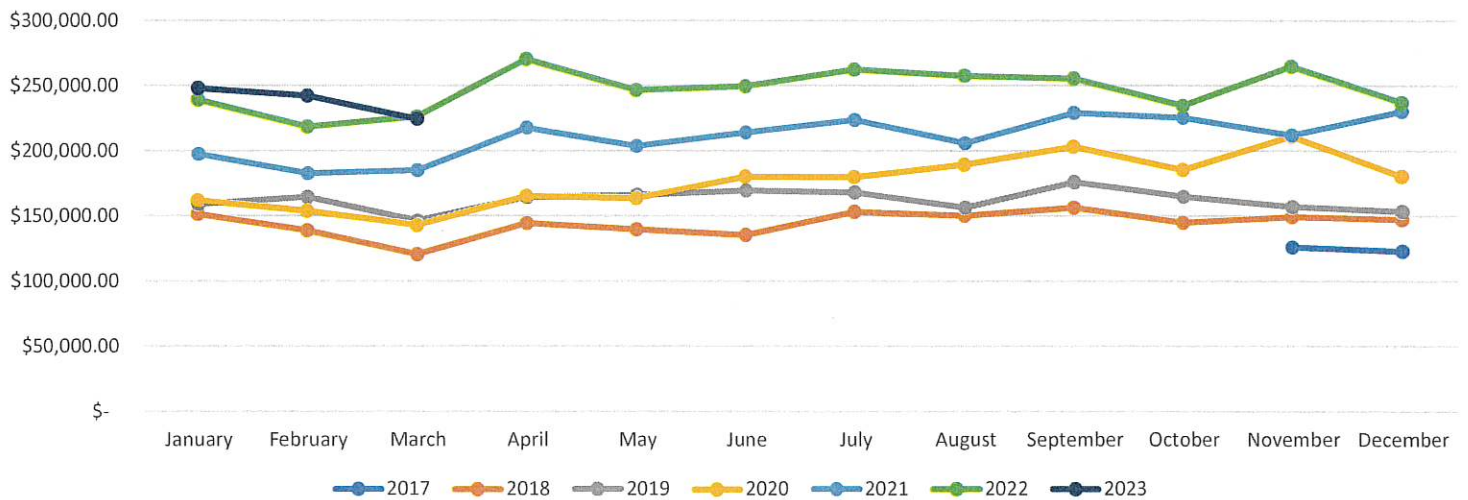
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	\$ 75,684.80	\$ 84,986.13	\$ 91,040.44	\$ 91,040.44	\$ 110,699.91	\$ 134,170.35	\$ 144,262.73
February	\$ 70,551.06	\$ 77,945.22	\$ 92,257.62	\$ 90,702.42	\$ 102,459.12	\$ 122,486.92	\$ 141,477.19
March	\$ 69,389.21	\$ 67,723.19	\$ 81,937.09	\$ 80,307.29	\$ 103,706.73	\$ 126,834.85	\$ 129,354.71
April	\$ 74,582.07	\$ 81,188.19	\$ 92,156.95	\$ 94,685.71	\$ 122,076.76	\$ 151,640.34	
May	\$ 77,053.43	\$ 78,504.14	\$ 93,137.38	\$ 91,914.58	\$ 114,242.67	\$ 138,242.60	
June	\$ 76,999.79	\$ 76,362.85	\$ 95,398.61	\$ 101,204.58	\$ 120,072.99	\$ 139,959.53	
July	\$ 72,991.37	\$ 85,987.91	\$ 94,184.47	\$ 100,957.85	\$ 125,371.89	\$ 147,095.82	
August	\$ 74,611.22	\$ 84,448.08	\$ 87,689.50	\$ 98,504.15	\$ 115,494.38	\$ 144,408.00	
September	\$ 81,254.45	\$ 94,045.69	\$ 99,312.18	\$ 114,083.33	\$ 128,420.06	\$ 142,639.24	
October	\$ 80,085.53	\$ 81,332.86	\$ 92,618.09	\$ 104,136.06	\$ 126,459.65	\$ 132,550.99	
November	\$ 70,770.20	\$ 83,950.13	\$ 88,189.21	\$ 118,693.67	\$ 118,908.56	\$ 149,401.01	
December	\$ 69,122.33	\$ 83,237.08	\$ 86,503.72	\$ 101,433.44	\$ 129,184.43	\$ 136,768.93	
Total	\$ 893,095.46	\$ 979,711.47	\$ 1,094,425.26	\$ 1,187,663.52	\$ 1,417,097.15	\$ 1,666,198.58	\$ 415,094.63
Budget	\$ 870,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 772,027.00	\$ 947,076.00	\$ 1,000,865.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	
% Collect	103%	109%	142%	125%	142%	139%	
	\$ 74,424.62	FY 2017 Monthly average					
	\$ 81,642.62	FY 2018 Monthly average					
	\$ 91,202.11	FY 2019 Monthly average					
	\$ 98,971.96	FY 2020 Monthly average					
	\$ 118,091.43	FY 2021 Monthly average					
	\$ 138,849.88	FY 2022 Monthly average					
	\$ 138,364.88	FY 2023 Monthly average					



Lamar County Board of Commissioners
2017 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST)
COLLECTION CHART

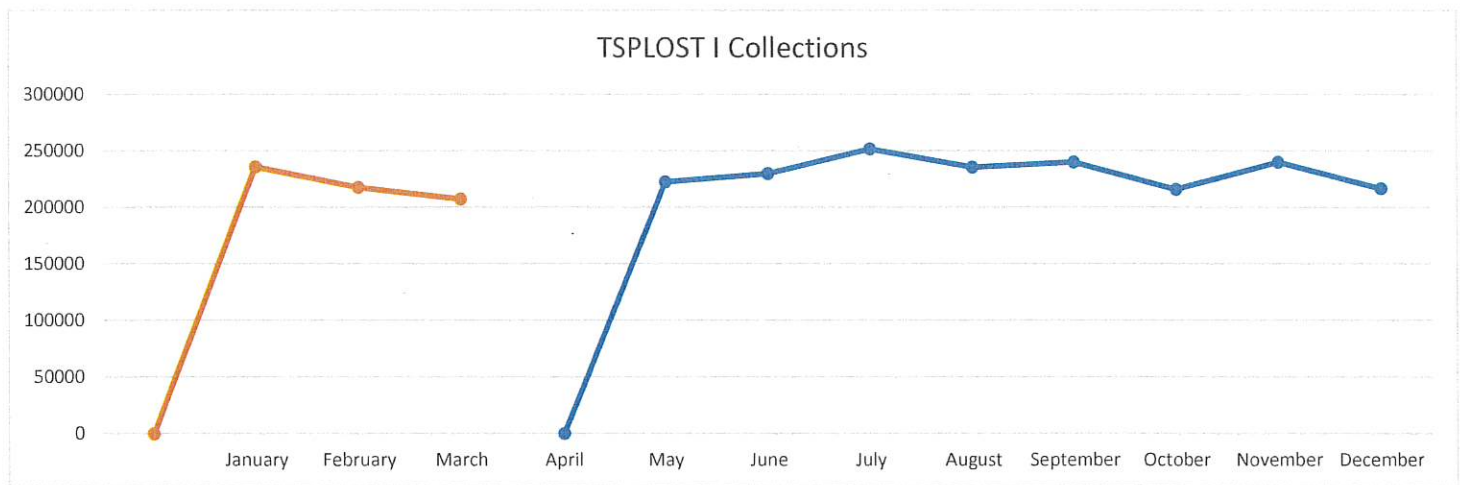
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		\$ 151,754.83	\$ 159,336.86	\$ 162,335.46	\$ 197,679.15	\$ 239,588.86	\$ 248,174.06
February		\$ 139,188.19	\$ 164,745.22	\$ 154,231.36	\$ 182,963.13	\$ 218,726.44	\$ 242,407.59
March		\$ 120,934.67	\$ 146,315.98	\$ 143,405.93	\$ 185,191.18	\$ 226,491.18	\$ 224,582.24
April		\$ 144,974.58	\$ 164,565.44	\$ 165,823.44	\$ 217,995.09	\$ 270,786.43	
May		\$ 140,170.48	\$ 166,315.16	\$ 164,138.26	\$ 204,005.29	\$ 246,861.86	
June		\$ 135,805.45	\$ 169,591.03	\$ 180,722.40	\$ 214,415.88	\$ 249,927.78	
July		\$ 153,549.99	\$ 168,184.47	\$ 180,282.27	\$ 223,879.15	\$ 262,670.94	
August		\$ 150,741.17	\$ 156,588.01	\$ 189,757.66	\$ 206,240.54	\$ 257,871.18	
September		\$ 156,721.97	\$ 176,116.10	\$ 203,720.88	\$ 229,321.74	\$ 255,869.23	
October		\$ 145,230.52	\$ 164,959.93	\$ 185,957.37	\$ 225,821.45	\$ 235,091.21	
November	\$ 126,371.63	\$ 149,895.13	\$ 157,335.29	\$ 211,953.22	\$ 212,339.82	\$ 265,111.69	
December	\$ 123,219.17	\$ 147,715.87	\$ 153,677.18	\$ 181,128.59	\$ 230,686.62	237417.97	
Total	\$ 249,590.80	\$ 1,736,682.85	\$ 1,947,730.67	\$ 2,123,456.84	\$ 2,530,539.04	\$ 2,966,414.77	\$ 715,163.89
Budget	\$ 260,178.02	\$ 1,561,068.12	\$ 1,561,068.12	\$ 1,561,068.12	\$ 1,561,068.12	\$ 2,485,000.00	
% Collect	96%	111%	125%	136%	162%	119%	
Total to Date:	\$ 12,269,578.86 or an average of \$ 306,739.47 per month						
	\$ 124,795.40	FY 2017 Monthly average					
	\$ 144,723.57	FY 2018 Monthly average					
	\$ 162,310.89	FY 2019 Monthly average					
	\$ 176,954.74	FY 2020 Monthly average					
	\$ 210,878.25	FY 2021 Monthly average					
	\$ 247,201.23	FY 2022 Monthly average					
	\$ 238,387.96	FY 2023 Monthly average					

SPLOST III Collections



Lamar County Board of Commissioners
2021 TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST)
COLLECTION CHART

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
January		\$ 236,234.96				
February		\$ 217,824.81				
March		\$ 207,797.83				
April	\$ 33.48					
May	\$ 222,565.28					
June	\$ 229,848.97					
July	\$ 251,703.07					
August	\$ 235,608.02					
September	\$ 240,011.70					
October	\$ 215,855.17					
November	\$ 240,071.91					
December	\$ 216,764.89					
Total	\$ 1,852,462.49	\$ 661,857.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Budget	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% Collect	102.9%					
Total to Date:	or an average of \$ - per month					
	\$ 231,557.81	FY 2022 Monthly average				
	\$ 220,619.20	FY 2023 Monthly average				



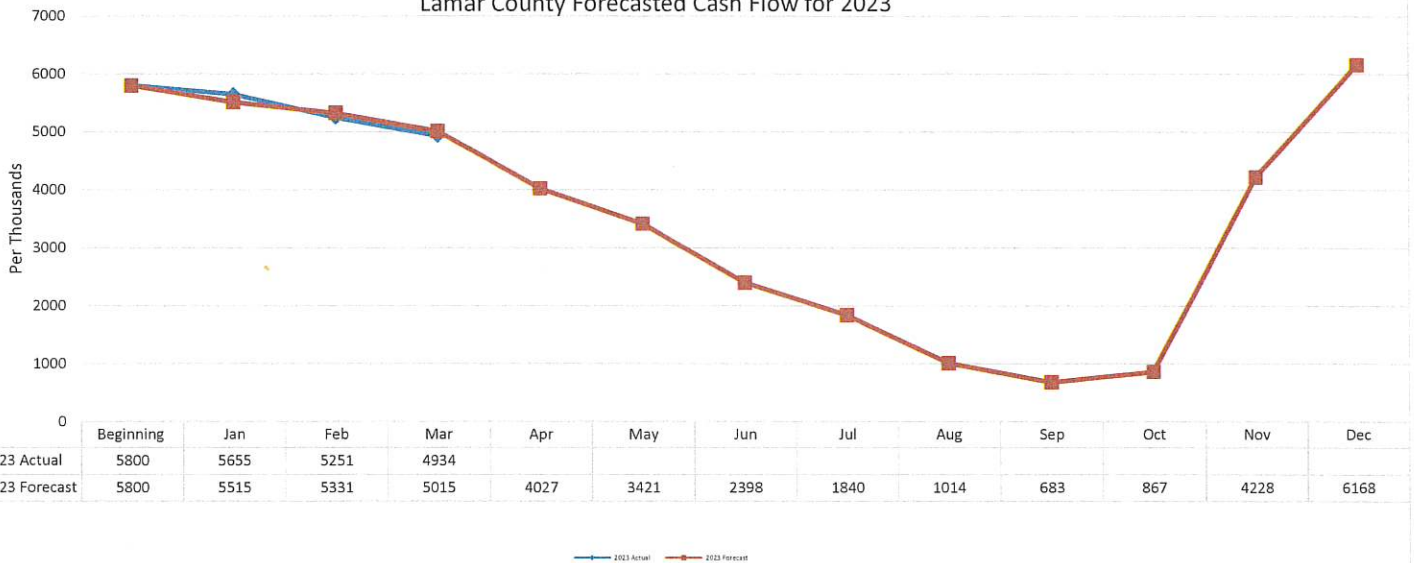
LAMAR COUNTY CASH FLOW FORECAST

2023

	MONTHS												TOTALS
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
BEG BALANCE	5800	5655	5251	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	
PROPERTY TAXES													0
SALES TAXES	144	141	129										415
OTHER REVENUE	556	486	567										1608
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	700	627	696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2023
PAYROLL	596	581	626										1803
OTHER EXPENDITURES	249	451	386										1086
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	-845	-1032	-1012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2889
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS	5655	5251	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	4934	-866
ENDING BALANCE/FUNDS													

	Beginning	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023 Actual	5800	5655	5251	4934									
2023 Forecast	5800	5515	5331	5015	4027	3421	2398	1840	1014	683	867	4228	6168

Lamar County Forecasted Cash Flow for 2023



Note: