



## **LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Regular Business Meeting**

### **Courthouse**

**February 21, 2023, 7:00 PM**

### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Recess for Public Hearing
6. Reconvene Regular Meeting
7. Minutes Approval
  - [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
8. Proclamation
  - [i.](#) Black History Month
9. Ordinance 2023-02 Amendment for County Insurance
  - [i.](#) Ordinance 2023-02
10. Comprehensive Plan Committee Appointment of Commissioner
11. Administrator's Report
  - [i.](#) Administrator's Report
12. Public Comment
13. Round Table
14. Executive Session
  - i. Real Estate
  - ii. Litigation

iii. Personnel

15. Adjournment

Workshop Meeting  
Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
1-12-2023  
12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on January 12th, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

**Animal Shelter**

County Administrator Townsend presented the proposal from Southern Classic Designs, including exterior elevations, foundation plan, floor plan, electrical plan, plumbing plan, HVAC Plan, structural plan, workmanship specifications, and site plan. Reported that the Animal Shelter committee visited several shelters in other counties including one in Clayton County. Issues y found were as follows:

Improper drainage

Ventilation,

Coating for blocked walls

Flooring in the dog pens

Cleaning Supplies

Software to track dogs and cases.

The Spalding County Animal Shelter has 88 pins, and 46 are court cases. It cost Clayton County 4.5 million dollars to build its animal shelter 19 years ago. As a requirement of the State of Georgia, an Animal Shelter Ordinance has to be updated and approved before an Animal Shelter can be built. Pike County's new Animal Shelter can open once they approve their Animal Shelter Ordinance. County Administrator Townsend said he reached out to Meriwether County for a wage study. To run their animal shelter, the total operating cost is \$262,070.00 per year. The Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project approved \$253,000.00 for the County to build an animal shelter. The Community Foundation in Macon, Georgia, has received approximately \$188,000.00 in donations.

Commissioner Lovett shared ideas and asked questions about the animal shelter. The animal shelter is around 4000 sq ft., and the cost is about \$200.00 a square foot, which will cost approximately \$800,000.00. Chairman Traylor said a builder recently gave them a quote of \$420,000.00 to build a block building. The proposed animal shelter presented is an open-air design. He pointed out that as they bring the dogs into the animal shelter, they are feral, with a potential disease. The fastest way to spread diseases is through an enclosed animal shelter, so he advocates for an open-air design. Commissioner Lovett noted that the total cost of the animal shelter that had been raised or budgeted is \$441,000.00, and the unbudgeted amount for the operation cost is approximately \$262,000.00. He proposed that since they live in rural areas, tons of vacant chicken houses resemble the proposed open-air design because businesses such as Perdue do not update their chicken houses. Commissioner Lovett stated that these vacant chicken houses have water and ventilation and could be renovated at the property owners' expense., then they could rent it or lease it from the owner. He said they have been working on this animal shelter project for seven years and are still in progress; if they go this route, they could have an animal shelter up and running within seven months. County Administrator Townsend pointed out that the \$253,000.00 has to be spent on a Capital Project. Commissioner Lovett said that since the SPLOST money has to be spent on a capital project, they could do a long-term lease using the funds of \$188,00.00 from the Community Foundation for operations. Vice-Chair Thrash said that it is in the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement that the County provides those

services. She said that the City of Barnesville has its own animal shelter and has not been interested in teaming up with Lamar County.

Vice-Chair Thrash said that the animal shelter project was sold on the platform that they would have a Director, but the volunteers would run the animal shelter. A budget of \$65,000.00 a month is needed for both Full-Time and Part-Time salaries plus Over-Time salaries. County Administrator Townsend explained that the State says that the Sheriff's Office runs most animal shelters. He said that when he spoke to Sheriff White, he was concerned about staffing. Planning and Zoning Board member Dwight Fleming (Mr. Fleming) addressed the board. He inquired about the overhead and profit number for the animal shelter. County Administrator Townsend said that Bill Head, the builder of the Boys and Girls Club, addressed the board with some rough numbers from local contractors. He presented a cost of \$405,000.00. Mr. Fleming said that the overhead of a job like this would be around 20 percent. He said if you had retired volunteers in the County, they could probably get the amount of supervision that would be needed. Chairman Traylor said they have to follow due process with an RFP and they have had companies with in-house architect designers submitting bids of over a million dollars. Mr. Fleming said that Mr. T.J. Heath, who built the Rock Quarry on the end of Van Buren Road, could give back to Lamar County by donating the overhead and supervision of the animal shelter. He has access to lots of subcontractors. Mr. Fleming also mentioned former Code-Enforcer and contractor Wimpy Vaughn, who might be willing to donate and give back to the County, which would take a chunk out of the construction budget. Bill Daniel, a neighbor, former candidate for Commissioner, and an advocate for animal shelters, was present for the meeting. Mr. Daniel said that he knows people who are block contractors that have crews that would be willing to help build the animal shelter. Commissioner Gilles asked about who was on the Animal Shelter Committee. Chairman Traylor said they were Fred Morris, Tom Wellner, and himself. Vice-Chair Thrash withdrew from the committee. Commissioner Gilles requested that they have an update from the committee.

### **Solid Waste Authority Update**

Vice-Chair Thrash reported that they are waiting on the major modification to the Solid Waste Plan so they can operate the permit. Solid Waste Authority Director Johnny Poore (Mr. Poore) spoke to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) yesterday. They received a draft of their air quality permit and expect the actual permit soon. Two of the evaporators have been ordered, and one has been shipped, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one will ship within two weeks. The incinerator equipment will take about a week to ship.

Chairman Traylor explained that the Solid Waste Authority was established in 1993. Chairman Traylor Vice-Chair Thrash encouraged the new Commissioners to visit the landfill.

Commissioner Gilles confirmed with Vice-Chair Thrash that they plan to do Leachate Evaporation at the Landfill. Chairman Traylor said that once the evaporators are received and set up, they will be able to evaporate at the Lamar County landfill and any other landfill with industrial wastewater.

Commissioner Lovett expressed his concerns about revenue issues with the landfill and the equipment that is not being utilized. He stated that the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan was for \$27,500,000.00 and since they have drawn almost all of that amount then they should be producing something. The project initially was where they would reclaim and sell plastic, and now, they are into the gasification of Leachate. Commissioner Lovett expressed his concerns with the Leachate gasification process with his understanding that Mr. Poore is not going to use flame-off gas from the landfill, but instead, they are going to buy gas from the gas company. He will buy gas and run it through the gasification process and then shoot Leachate in it. Commissioner Lovett spoke to the Finance Department about Lamar County not receiving tipping fees. Vice-Chair Thrash said they would get half of the tipping fees

from AmWaste that comes from the scales. Commissioner Lovett said that he understood that the scale trash is not going to the reclamation project because the reclamation project is actually for the gasification process because of the “Murph”; Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The Murph is nonoperational, and there is approximately \$7,000,000.00 worth of equipment just sitting and not hooked up.

Chairman Traylor and the board continued their discussion about the Solid Waste GEFA loan for \$27,500,000.00. Vice-Chair Thrash said they must notify GEFA when they draw from the GEFA loan. To date, \$22,000,000.00 has been drawn from the GEFA loan. Chairman Traylor said that some documents from the Solid Waste Authority are being put together for the Commissioners with this type of information.

### **Regular Business Meeting Agenda Discussion**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation will be given by Jason Teal
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Recess for Public Hearing
6. Rezoning and Minor Subdivision by Hazelrig Living Trust to rezone property from Agricultural Residential to Residential R-1 (Tax Map 055, Parcel 008B).

Planning and Community Development Director Buice (Ms. Buice) explained that the applicants wish to split a 2.37-acre tract from their 55-acre property for the use of a family member. This is for the wife’s identical twin sister but mostly to take care of their elderly father. The Hazelrigs would like the property to follow their driveway and not cross over their exiting driveway. They are in conservation, but since it is for a family member it will not breach. The Planning and Zoning Commission board recommended approval. Ms. Buice explained the zoning process. Once they accept the application, it is advertised in the legal organ, they put a sign on the property and send letters to the property owners within 300 ft. of the property lines of the proposed request. There are two Public Hearings. The first one goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission if it is a rezoning. It goes to the Board of Appeals if it is a Special Exception or a Variance. The second one goes to the Board of Commissioners. In the first Public Hearing the applicant presents their request, and the public is invited to speak either for or against the requested proposal. The Planning and Zoning Commission or the Board of Appeals then makes their recommendation of approval or denial. The Board hears the second Public Hearing of Commissioners, and during the Regular Business meeting the Board of Commissioners has final approval or denial except for variances for which the Board of Appeals has final approval. If the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Appeals are combined as one board, then everything would come back to the Board of Commissioners for final approval or denial. Vice-Chair Thrash pointed out that the Board of Commissioners could deny or table a rezoning, but if they deny the rezoning, the applicant has to wait a year before re-applying for the rezoning request. Ms. Buice explained there is a State rule where the minimum is two acres but no maximum. Commissioner Gilles asked about giving the family members more property so that they have conservation. Mr. Fleming explained that if the 2.5-acre parcel and if it is sold before the conservation easement runs out, it voids the conservation easement on the parent tract. It is designed to keep the property in conservation even if the land is given to the family. Ms. Buice said that if the family member sold the 2.5 acres of land, then the 50 acres of land that is in conservation would be breached.

7. Reconvene Public Hearing
8. Minutes Approval
  - Public Hearing Meeting-December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Special Called Meeting Minutes-December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Workshop Meeting-December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Regular Business Meeting-December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022
9. Ordinance 2023-01 Rezoning and Minor Subdivision by Hazelrig Living Trust to rezone property from Agricultural Residential to Residential R-1 (Tax Map 055, Parcel 008B)
10. Board Appointments
  - i. Three Rivers Regional Commission
    - a. County Representative-Jason Lovett
    - b. Non-Public Representative-Irvin Trice
  - ii. E-911 Appointment
    - a. County Representative-Ashley Gilles
  - iii. Region 6 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board-Jarrold Fletcher
  - iv. Board of Appeals-Doug Walker
  - v. Board of Elections-Acknowledgment by the Board of Commissioners
    - a. Elaine Williams-City of Barnesville
    - b. Bill Christopher-City of Milner
11. LMIG/TSPLOST Project Approval
 

County Administrator Townsend presented the bids for the LMIG/TSPLOST. Microsurfacing Project: Two Bids Received; Asphalt Paving for a total cost of \$2,341,138.80 and the Scruggs Company for a total cost of \$2,510,426.52. The staff, Public Works, and EXP recommends Asphalt Paving for a total cost of \$2,341,138.80. EXP managed the bid process and presented a report of all roads with detailed estimates from contractors based on unit prices and totals. County Administrator Townsend explained the history of the LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) and the Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) III, which runs from 2017 to October 2023. The Transportation Special Local Options Sales Tax (TSPLOST) runs from 2022-2027. The bond that was approved is borrowed on anticipated revenue. The bond was approved for TSPLOST at \$10,200,000.00 and cannot exceed \$12,500,00.00. County Administrator Townsend explained that there are 3 phases to the project. The first phase is for 40 miles of paving and includes Cauthen, Cook, Heavy, Van Buren, Bush, Johnstonville, Five Points, Country Kitchen and Brooks Road. Chairman Traylor explained that the County suffers from major road issues. The end of the fault line or Stone Mountain is in Lamar County, and with all of the Rock Quarries mining, and the rock/gravel, and the truck travel, this affects the roads. County Administrator Townsend stated that an engineering study was done on Possum Trott Road, and if they tried to widen the road, it would cost around \$3,700,000.00. Chairman Traylor stated that when he came on board as a Commissioner, each District Commissioner prioritized their road list then they allowed Public Works Director Rigdon to recommend which roads to approve as a priority road to pave. Currently, they have a professional company, EXP, that makes those recommendations.
12. Administrator's Report
  - Reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is planning on working on bridges on two roads; Cannafax Road and Ethridge Mill Road.
  - Reported that he has a video to share with the Commissioners of the construction at the Recreation Department.
13. Public Comment
14. Round Table
  - Mr. Fleming explained that Monroe County and Lamar County do their pothole treatment

similarly. Monroe County patching holds up longer than Lamar County's patching. He asked if they could get Public Works Director Rigdon to speak to the Public Works Director in Monroe County to see if they are doing something different that might benefit Lamar County.

- Commissioner Lovett inquired about getting a County cellphone. Chairman Traylor said that using the Ring Central App with the assigned County RingCentral phone number was his recommendation.
- Chairman Traylor suggested that the Commissioners invite their families to their first board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Commissioners Board Retreat will be held in Athens, Georgia, from January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

15. Executive Session

- Real Estate
- Litigation
- Personnel

16. Adjournment

**Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at approximately 2:28 p.m. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Ryran Traylor, Chairman

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Nancy Thrash, Vice-Chair

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Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner

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Jason Lovett, Commissioner

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Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jason Teal of the First Baptist Church of Barnesville gave the invocation.

**III. Agenda Approval**

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Recess for Public Hearing**

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Reconvene the Public Hearing**

Commissioner Gilles made a motion to reconvene the Regular Business meeting. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Minutes Approval**

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

- i. Public Hearing Meeting-December 5th, 2022
- ii. Special Called Meeting Minutes-December 12th, 2022
- iii. Workshop Meeting-December 15th, 2022
- iv. Regular Business Meeting-December 20th, 2022

**VII. Ordinance 2023-01 Rezoning and Minor Subdivision by Hazelrig Living Trust**

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 Rezoning and Minor Subdivision by Hazelrig Living Trust to Rezone Property from A-R to R-1 (Tax Map



055, Parcel 008B). Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. Board Appointments**

- i. Commissioner Gilles made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason Lovett to the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the re-appointment of Irvin Trice-Non-Public member of the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission for a term of one year. Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to approve the appointment of Ashley Gilles to the E911 Committee for a term of one year. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. Commissioner Gilles abstained from the motion. The motion passed 3-0.
- iii. Commissioner Gilles made a motion to re-appoint Doug Walker to the Board of Appeals for a term of 4 years expiring on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. Vice-Chair Thrash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Chairman Traylor made a motion to acknowledge the re-appointment of Bill Christopher to serve on the Board of Elections as the representative for the City of Milner and Elaine Williams as the representative for the City of Barnesville for a four-year term expiring 12-31-2026.

### **IX. LMIG/TSPLOST Project**

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to approve the 22-12-01-2023 Street Rehabilitation Project bid for a cost of \$1,197,852.85. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the 22-12-02-2023 Microsurfacing Project bid from Asphalt Paving Systems for a cost of \$2,341,138.80. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **X. Administrator's Report**

County Administrator Townsend reported the following:

- i. Reported that revenues for the month of December are at 102.19 percent, and expenditures are at 93.87 percent.
- ii. Reported that the cash flow is subject to change due to outstanding invoices.
- iii. Reported that the gym renovation includes new flooring, foam spray insulation, new bleachers, and new basketball goals. Waiting on the air conditioners to be shipped.
- iv. Reported that renovations are going on in the new Administration Building. They are gutting the building and installing metal walls.
- v. Reported that he is working on the final details of the Lamar County Animal Shelter to start the process with the architects.
- vi. Reported that the Local Options Sales Tax (LOST) distribution for December was \$136,768.93.
- vii. Reported that the Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) distribution for December was \$237,417.97.
- viii. Reported that the Transportation Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (TSPLOST) distribution for December was \$216,764.89.

## **XI. Public Comments**

Elaine Hallada of 131 Steeple Chase addressed the board. Mrs. Hallada addressed her issues with the Board of Commissioners regarding hunting in an Estate Residential. Mrs. Hallada presented the board with the covenant for Little Tobesofkee Creek Ranch dated March 25th, 1998. She told the board that the Moyes annexed the property and took certain lots out of the subdivision for tax purposes. Mrs. Hallada said that she and her husband hired the best Real Estate lawyer in the State of Georgia. Mrs. Hallada requested that the Board of Commissioners meet with the Homeowners Association (HOA) to discuss the rights of adding or subtracting property. Mrs. Hallada said that the Moyes failed to grant themselves annex rights to either add or subtract land from the HOA being governed by the covenant. She said that the Moyes would have needed 75 percent of lot owners' approval to remove any of these in the HOA. Mrs. Hallada addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding the State of Georgia rules regarding subtracting property from subdivisions in an HOA. She stated that Planning and Community Development Director Buice told her Lamar County does not have this rule. Mrs. Hallada said that under Estate Residential, you have a 5-acre minimum and 2500 square feet homes, and the County wants all of the new developments to form HOAs to govern what happens in that subdivision. She said there was a challenge in 2001 where three owners sued after covenants were amended to remove three lots and allow for commercial use. Mrs. Hallada said the Court of Appeals of Georgia held that the owners could not be stripped of those rights without their 100 percent approval. Mrs. Hallada went on to speak about her issues with hunting in Estate Residential. She said that the 109 acre-tract was included in the original subdivision, but to get to the 109 acre-tract, they must go through the residential area. Mrs. Hallada said that when she came here four years ago, they had buckshot land in their yard and on her neighbor's house. Mrs. Hallada said that they are continuing to hunt in the Estate Residential portion of the subdivision, and now they are hunting on the other side of the subdivision, and bullets are flying in their backyards. Mrs. Hallada would like the Board of Commissioners to uphold the Estate Residential ruling within the bounds of their subdivision. She stated that she does not mind them hunting on the Moye's 109-acre tract, but she does mind hunting in her subdivision, Estate Residential. Mrs. Hallada said that Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that there is no law on the books in Lamar County that says that the developer cannot take out lots in a planned subdivision, but she wants the Lamar County citizens to know that there is a State rule against this. Mrs. Hallada also spoke about developers removing lots from subdivisions and putting the land into conservation.

## **XII. Round Table**

Commissioner Gilles announced several upcoming events. The process of adopting a new Comprehensive Plan for Lamar County is underway. The kickoff meeting will be in February. The Lamar County Blood Drive, sponsored by the Barnesville First United Methodist Church, is on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with homemade cookies offered to those that give blood. Citizens can drop off donations for the Spalding County tornado victims at the Barnesville Church of the Nazarene.

Vice-Chair Thrash, who serves on the Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Cooperative Authority Board, announced that a new notification system had been formed for property owners called

Filing Activity Notification System (F.A.N.S.) to Benefit Georgia's Citizens. People are taking people's property by doing quick claim deeds, and the property owner does not even know it.

Chairman Traylor requested prayers for all those involved in the recent tornado and encouraged relief donations. Chairman Traylor thanked all his family members, including his mother, sister, aunt, and son, for being in attendance.

### **XIII. Executive Session and Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session for litigation at approximately 8:06 p.m. Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of Executive Session. Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business meeting at approximately 8:48 p.m. Commissioner Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting  
Administration Building  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
1:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. on January 12th, 2022. Present for the meeting were Chairman Traylor, Vice-Chair Thrash, Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Lovett, Commissioner Gilles, County Administrator Townsend, and County Clerk Davidson.

**Vehicles for Sheriff's Office-SPLOST**

County Administrator Townsend explained that the funds for the requested vehicles from the Sheriff's Office would come from excess funds from the 2016 ballot for the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). They budgeted \$130,000.00. In July 2020, a new law went into effect where the service that was delivered, the sales tax collections, comes to Lamar County. This allowed the SPLOST collections to increase by \$100,000.00 more than what was forecasted. The Sheriff's Office is allocated funds to buy several more cars. They received bids from Ginn Commercial for three 2023 Charger Police RWD 5.7L V8 cars. County Administrator Townsend stated that the vehicles coming in are usually sold within a week.

Sheriff White explained that they had not made any V8 Chargers in a couple of years, and the V6 Chargers that they purchased had not held up. They used to be able to purchase a V8 charger for \$24,000.00, and now they cost around \$38,000.00. They ordered two F150 trucks from Brannon Motor Company in Unadilla, Georgia, and have those trucks on the lot for around \$38,500.00. The equipment for the old cars from the V6 Chargers will go into the new V8 Chargers. They will have to purchase new equipment for the trucks. Sheriff White said that the Dodge Chargers were having trouble with the lifters, and the Chevrolet Tahoes had issues with the transmission going out at 400,000 miles. He said that there had been no reported issues with the F150s. Sheriff White stated that automobiles are expensive.

Chairman Traylor explained that when he first became a Commissioner, he was hit with questions from citizens about why all of the Departments had new vehicles. He found out that it is easier to maintain a newer vehicle than an older model vehicle because buying a newer vehicle helps the maintenance cost go down. He said they had 12 to 15 years old cars that were only worth about \$4000.00 to \$5,000.00, and they were spending \$10,000.00 to maintain them. They were able to reduce the staff in the Maintenance Department by buying newer vehicles. Sheriff White said they used to buy black and white law enforcement cars because, in 2010 and 2011, there were some rough times with funding. They were fully equipped and had one car they could be used for parts. Sheriff White said that buying used cars is not feasible because buying a used car costs more than a new car. Commissioner Lovett stated that he likes white law enforcement cars. Currently, they have a mixed array of vehicles in all different

colors. Sheriff White said that he is opposed to black patrol cars with black lettering because you are defeating the purpose. He said they have some with contrasting colors, and the law used to state that to run radar, you had to run contrasting colors. Commissioner Lovett stated that he likes white vehicles from a public safety standpoint, especially with neighborhood help, because black-on-black defeats the purpose.

Sheriff White explained that the retrofit cost for the vehicle is around \$20,000.00. County Administrator Townsend explained that \$200,000.00 to \$225,000.00 had been budged for the Sheriff's vehicle. Sheriff White stated that they needed one Administration car and two patrol cars.

Commissioner Lovett made a motion to approve the funding for the three 2023 Charger Police RWD 5.7L V8 cars from Ginn Commercial for an amount of approximately \$114,000.00. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment and Executive Session**

Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to go into Executive Session at approximately 1:17 p.m. for the purpose of personnel. Commissioner Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board came out of Executive Session at approximately 1:40 p.m. with no action taken, and Vice-Chair Thrash made a motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting.

### THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## Lamar County Commissioners Planning Workshop & Retreat

January 26, 2023

Georgia Center, Athens-Clarke County, GA

*Facilitated by: Hardin Watkins, CVIOG Public Service Faculty*

# RETREAT REPORT ACTION PLAN 2023



**Retreat Report & Action Plan - 2023**  
**Lamar County Commissioners Planning Workshop & Retreat**  
**January 26-27, 2023**  
**Georgia Center, Athens-Clarke County, GA**

Attendees:

Chair Ryran Taylor  
Vice Chair Nancy Thrash  
Commissioner Jarrod Fletcher  
Commissioner Jason Lovett  
Commissioner Ashley Giles  
County Administrator Sean Townsend  
County Clerk Carlette Davidson  
UGA CVIOG Public Service Faculty Facilitator Hardin Watkins

Retreat Overview

Review of objectives, format, content, agenda, and opening remarks

What do attendees hope to accomplish today?

Get to know each other better.  
Team building.  
Learn.  
Learn what community likes and dislikes.  
Illuminate perspective of fellow county officials.  
Understanding.  
Set goals.  
Establish goals and objectives.  
Establish framework for working together.

What one word represents your perspective on your role in Lamar County?

Serve.  
Limited.  
Voice.  
Fair representation.  
Trust.  
Service.  
Finance.  
Working together.

What one word comes to mind when you think of Lamar County?

Giving.

Community.

Home.

Home.

Home.

Home.

Home.

What is your vision for Lamar County?

Good quality growth: larger lot sizes, more business and industry, help eliminate property owner tax burden.

Controlled growth: low impact, high wage growth – smart businesses.

Small town feeling: do more to help build sense of community connectedness and relationships.

Great place to live, work, and shop.

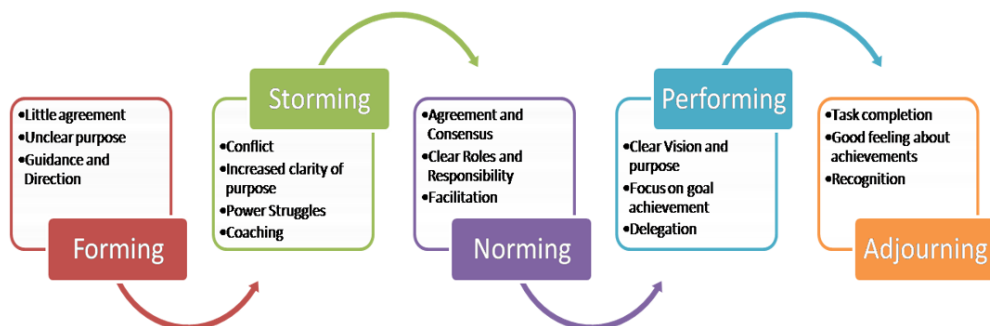
Keep Lamar County's history and grow the way we want (hometown feel) while moving forward.

Nurturing a Team to High Performance

Mr. Watkins provided an overview of research and applicable components of Bruce Tuckman's model of group/team development. With a group of new Commissioners, there are new ideas and new goals to be considered and handled carefully. Everyone has a defined role and set of responsibilities. Each commissioner had joined a new team responsible for achieving results. County staff is looking for clarity regarding decisions.

Tuckman's concepts provide a useful framework to look at your team dynamics and establish a basis for team conversation without boxing you in.

## Tuckman's Stages of Group Development





### County Administrator Report

County Administrator Townsend gave an overview of current issues and updates on various projects and initiatives of importance to this discussion. This included new asphalt, culvert replacement, Bottoms Road (difficult to achieve results), and the Animal Ordinance. ARPA (\$3.7 million) needs to be spent by December 2024 or adopt a plan to indicate how you plan to spend.

### What do you want Lamar County to accomplish in the next 5 years?

Responses were collected and placed on flip charts for all to review and discuss.

After discussion, the Commissioners focused on prioritizing the items discussed in the morning.

Consideration of each item included the following factors:

- Whether the item was high, medium, or low priority?
- Level of urgency.
- Is the item high impact or low impact?
- What is the return on investment (ROI)?

The following list represents the eight (8) items that received one or more vote from Commissioners.

Retention of employees - 4

Animal shelter/Ordinance - 4

Better communication - 3

Annual budgeting without increase - 2

New business/industry (including spec building) - 2

Consolidated government/functions - 2

Fund balance/contingency increasing - 2

Commercial development outpaces residential - 1

A number of items were listed on the flip chart for discussion but did not receive any priority votes in the exercise. These items include: Justice Center & Courthouse, new fire building for Milner area (north), mental health & domestic violence center, and impact fee discussion/research. These topics were not prioritized and received no further discussion after the voting exercise.

### Action Planning

Once the prioritization was established, the next focus was on action planning to determine who is responsible for each item and establish a timeframe or due date for progress tracking.

### **Priority 1A. RETENTION OF EMPLOYEES**

WHO LEADS: County Administrator Townsend

DETAILS: Want to ensure competitive salaries.  
Keep our quality employees and avoid being a training ground.

Can people receiving bonus or increase be required to stay for a time period?  
 Ask employees via survey what is the most impactful.  
 Keep the employees informed with good communication.  
 What is the appropriate role for elected official involvement in survey and supporting survey?  
 Consider bonuses for employees (\$750-\$1,000) and/or pay adjustments (3%).  
 Bonuses could be payable at holiday time period.  
 Take a look at the overall pay structure, including retirement program and family health insurance premiums.  
 Take a look at the performance evaluation system.

WHEN: Complete survey of employees by 3/31/23.  
 Report to Commissioners by 3/31/23.  
 Commissioners to follow-up with County Administrator & Constitutional Officers during Q2.  
 Consider pay changes (possible 3%) with budget preparation for budget adjustments or next year's budget.

#### Priority 1B. ANIMAL SHELTER/ORDINANCE

WHO LEADS: Shelter → County Administrator Townsend and Commission Chair Traylor.  
 Ordinance → Anita Buice.

DETAILS: Shelter → should be economically viable.  
 SPLOST vote was 6-7 years ago.  
 Operating cost = \$260,000 annually.  
 Building cost = TBD.

Ordinance → should mimic state code – reasonable, but be comprehensive, get it all  
 Goal is to be following state requirements.  
 Not aggressive.  
 Review draft from Anita.

WHEN: Shelter → Discuss on 1/27/23 and develop timeline.  
 Ordinance → Draft ready for review by end of February 2023, discuss at March 2023.  
 Workshop.

#### Priority 3. BETTER COMMUNICATION FOR BETTER INFORMED RESIDENTS

WHO: Short-term → Carlette Davidson, Long-term → New Deputy Clerk

DETAILS: Branding and education.  
 Public awareness campaign.  
 Facebook page, apps.

Do we need communications director? A proposal is coming soon.  
 Better website, more user-friendly navigation.  
 Improve website integration with cell phone for easier readability.

Short-term or low-cost staffing ideas for consideration → offer a supplement to an existing employee, student intern help, ACCG internship.

WHEN: By March 31, 2023

**Priority 4A. ANNUAL BUDGETING WITH NO MILLAGE RATE INCREASE**

WHO: County Administrator Townsend & All County Commissioners

DETAILS: Raise the bar on services without increasing property taxation.

WHEN: July – November 2023

**Priority 4B. NEW BUSINESS & INDUSTRY (POSSIBLE SPEC BUILDING)**

WHO: Commission Chair Traylor and County Commissioners

DETAILS: Attract jobs  
 Identify and recruit industry to fit the tax base for the community.  
 Consider construction of a spec building for a prospect.  
 Find ways to provide opportunities for more people to work locally.  
 Evaluate feasibility of attracting more movies and filming.  
 Find the County's "niche" in the market.  
 Do a better job working with the IDA, including more dialogue.  
 IDA relationship is intertwined with Chamber.  
 What is IDA funding being used for? (\$77,000 annually).  
 What is the ROI for IDA investment and other future economic development efforts?

WHEN: Invite IDA to attend County Commissioners Meeting in April 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> step

**Priority 4C. EVALUATE CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS & SERVICES**

WHO: County Administrator Townsend & Commissioner Lovett

DETAILS: This is part of ongoing, routine conversations.  
 Look for opportunities as they present themselves.  
 Service delivery strategy process next year provides opportunity to discuss.

WHEN: 2024

**Priority 4D. INCREASE FUND BALANCE & CONTINGENCY**

WHO: County Administrator Townsend

DETAILS: Steady progress has been made.  
Fund balance goal is 6-12 months.  
Presently, the fund balance is 2.4 months.  
Cost of 6 months fund balance = \$4 million.

WHEN: Ongoing

**Priority 8. COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OUTPACES RESIDENTIAL**

Rolls into Priority 4B - new business and industry. This aligns with IDA goals. Evaluate zoning packages for major subdivisions.

Day 2 Discussion, Friday January 27, 2023

County Commissioners met with County Administrator Townsend and County Clerk Davidson on site at the Georgia Center to discuss the following topics: budget review, departmental information (some planned to dial in via virtual meeting technology), social media policy, and proposal for new administrative staff. CVIOG faculty were not present for this portion.

Department Interaction Via Zoom

WHO: Recreation Department-Director Tiffaney Lowe

Details: Overview of Department Needs, Obstacles and Successes

1. Gym Renovation
  - a. Led light.
  - b. HVAC.
  - c. Flooring.
  - d. Office Space.
2. Spring Ball Season
  - a. Increased Enrollment.
  - b. Increased Coach Involvement.
3. Budget Constraints
  1. Fencing.
  2. Ball Park Lights.
  3. Scoreboard.
  4. Electrical Boxes.
  5. Park Appearance.
  6. Sponsorships.

### 3. Tournaments

- a. Hotels.
- b. Restaurants.
- c. Opening Ceremony.

Who: Senior Center-Director Antionette Watts

Details: Overview of Department Needs, Obstacles and Successes

#### 1. Activities

- a. Superbowl Party.
- b. Chili Cook-Off.
- c. Valentine's Day Celebration.
- d. Mardi Gras Celebration.
- e. Bingo.
- f. Corn Hole.
- g. Line Dancing.
- h. Volleyball.
- i. Yoga.
- j. Kia Chia Yoga.

#### 2. Needs

- a. More Space.
- b. Pocket Doors for separation of rooms.
- c. Passenger Bus.
- d. Additional Parking Spaces.

#### 3. Meals on Wheels

- a. Upton Senior Center provides the meals.
- b. Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (TRAAA) determines the qualifications and makes the assessments.
- c. Drivers Routed based on spreadsheet maintained for all addresses.
- d. 30 plus meals delivered daily.

Who: Lamar County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)-Director Becky Martin

Details: Overview of Department Shares, Concerns and Obstacles Activities and Successes

#### 1. Shares

- a. Joined the EMA team the Summer of 2008.
- b. Billy Campbell retired a year ago.
- c. Serves as Interim EMA Director and works parttime 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- c. Works with the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) to obtain emergency funds.
- d. Monitors the National and State Weather System.

#### 2. Concerns

- a. Gas Line cut during Recreation Renovation.

- b. No State required Generator and concerns of loss of power.
- 3. Activities
  - a. 10 Sirens received through grants and tested by Truman Boyle. Applied for 2 more sirens through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) but no funds. Discussion regarding applying for more sirens or using CODE RED for storm warnings.
    - 1. City Hall in Milner.
    - 2. Redbone Fire Station.
    - 3. Johnstonville Fire Station.
    - 4. Chappel Mill Fire Station.
    - 5. North Milner Fire Station.
    - 6. Grove Street at Public Works Facility.
    - 7. Piedmont Fire Station.
    - 8. High Falls Road.
    - 9. Bush Road.
    - 10. Corner of Brooks and Bottoms Road.
  - b. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) dismantled due to non-activity and age.
    - 1. Classes and Certification is offered online.

Who: Lamar County Tax Assessor-Tax Assessor Jeannie Haddock

Details: Overview of Department Shares, Valuations and Concerns

- 1. Shares
  - a. Tax Assessor for 27 years with 6 years in Lamar County, 9 years in Pike County and 12 years back in Lamar County.
  - b. 2 Fulltime and 1 part-time employee.
- 2. Valuation Report
  - a. Contractors for Commercial and Residential Assessments
  - b. Values of houses have not decreased.
  - c. Sales of houses has declined.
  - d. Sales ratio is at 33 and the Department of Revenue requires it to be 38.
  - e. A house that sold for \$250,000.00 and is valued at \$200,000.00 the ratio based on the value of the house and the sales price divided by 40% equals the ratio of 35. The ratio needs to be between 38 and 42 for the Department of Revenue. If the houses are selling higher than they are valued at the ratio drops. Houses in subdivisions are selling for \$400,00.00 and their values do not match. A tiny home on a 5 acre-trac of land sold for \$250,000.00.
  - f. Brought in 360 million dollars last year.
  - g. Board of Assessors will decide in April if there will be another reassessment.
  - h. If the 38 ratio is not meet then the schools could lose State Funding and they could loose funds from State utilities.
  - i. The ratio last year went from 38 to 36 and they lost \$27,000.00.

Who: Planning and Community Development-Director Anita Buice

Details: Overview of Department Shares, Reports, and Information

1. Shares

- a. Worked for Monroe County for 19 years and was appointed County Administrator in 2009. and hired as County Manager in 2015. Planning and Zoning was her favorite. Has been in Lamar County for 4 years as the Planning and Community Development Director.
- b. There are 3.5 employees in the Planning and Community Development office included the Code Enforcement Office. 3 employees and 1 part-time employee.
- c. Charles Abbott and Associates is the contract that will handle all of the Commercial permitting.

1. Reports

- a. Code Enforcement incidents where they make contact with the property owner regarding complaints received. If issues not resolved then Major Holmes will be contacted to resolve the issue.
  - i. Trash.
  - ii. Old refrigerators.
  - iii. Cars.
- b. Owner with 31 acre lots requesting rezoning back to A-R.
- c. FoxCrossing Subdivision is under EPD court order so their building phase has halted.

Who: Solid Waste Authority-AmWaste

Details: Overview of AmWaste Services

1. Shares regarding AmWaste Service

- a. Two Parts to Solid Waste Authority
  - i. Trash Pickup.
  - ii. Scale House.
- b. Agreement with Solid Waste Authority for 4000 lbs. waste.
  - i. \$13.00 a month per cart for trash pickup.
  - ii. Photo Id and Driver's License required.
  - iii. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm M-F and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm on Saturday.
- c. New faster internet service to get people in and of the scales.

Who: Public Works Department-Director James Rigdon

Details: Overview of Department Shares, Obstacles and Needs

1. Shares Took on Animal Control.

- a. 15 Years with Lamar County.

- b. Hired as Fleet Technician and offered job as the Public Works Director.
  - c. 12 employees in the entire Department including the Secretary. Has had several Secretaries or Assistants hired to help with paperwork over the years.
  - d. Moved people in Maintenance to different roles after they started purchasing new cars.
- 2. Obstacles
  - a. Broken Tractors and complaints about grass and trash pickup that led to the Mowing and Trash pickup contract that allows for service 3 times a year.
  - b. Illegal Tire and Trash Dumping.
  - c. Dirt Road issues; rock and limited right of way.
  - d. Issues with Tractors and Track Hoes.
  - e. Upgraded to Caterpillar Tractor from C.W. Matthews.
  - f. Handles Bush Cutting and new Equipment will be delivered in April.
  - g. Mows around Dams and Bridges.
  - h. 63 Year agreement where the County Maintains and Cuts 4 watersheds for private owners with 30 acres on each one without any fishing privileges
  - i. Maintains Pipe Replacements.
  - j. Operates Small Patch Machine. Needs a Paving Operator other than Public Works Director Rigdon.
  - k. Handles Storm Water and Driveway Culverts
  - l. Salary issue with keeping employees.
- 3. Needs
  - a. Tac Machine for Paving.
  - b. Machine Operators.
  - c. Security for Public Works Department when paving or working on the roads.

Who: County Administrator-Sean Townsend

Details: Board Discussion

- 1. Funds for testing water hydrants in the County, that belong to the City of Barnesville but affects the Insurance Services Office (ISO) for the Fire Department; Approximately \$15,0000.00 to \$20,000.00.
  - a. Negotiate with the City of Barnesville.
  - b. Funds pulled from the American Relief Program (ARP).
  - c. Location of Fire Trucks testing hydrants.
- 2. Commissioner Cellphone Discussion and Issues
  - a. Download RingCentral App on personal phone instead of County Phone.
  - b. Open Records Request with phone being used either personal or County.
- 3. Holiday and PTO Discussion moved to next year.



## PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, African American/Black History Month is an annual celebration which recognizes the considerable contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history, our state, and our local county, through their influences in arts, entertainment, law, politics, sciences, medicine, sports and so much more and,

**WHEREAS**, Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Black History Month's first iteration was Negro History Week, created in February 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of Black history."

**WHEREAS**, The theme for Black History Month 2023 is "**Resistance**".

**WHEREAS**, NPR has compiled a list of stories, music performances, podcasts and other content that chronicles the Black American experience.

**NOW THEREFORE**, We, the Lamar County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as "Black History Month."

**This 21st day of FEBRUARY 2023**

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RYRAN TRAYLOR, CHAIRMAN

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JARROD FLETCHER, COMMISSIONER

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JASON LOVETT, COMMISSIONER

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ASHLEY GILLES, COMMISSIONER

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NANCY THRASH, 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.

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RYRAN TRAYLOR, Chairman

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JARROD FLETCHER

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ASHLEY GILLES

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JASON LOVETT

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NANCY THRASH

ATTEST:

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Carlette Davidson, County Clerk

(SEAL)

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading/  
Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_



## Lamar County Board of Commissioners

Lamar County  
408 Thomaston Street  
Barnesville, Georgia 30204

Item i.

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

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

### Memorandum

**To:** Chairman and Members of the  
Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
**From:** Sean Townsend, County Administrator  
**Date:** February 21st, 2023  
**RE:** County Administrator's Report

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### FY 2022 Budget and Financial Review

- Finance Report by Department and Revenue Sources
- Cash and TAN Balances as of February 9th, 2023
- December 2022 Cash Flow Chart- The December 2022 trends are above the forecast by 3.62%.
- The 2023 Cash Flow Chart is running slightly higher than projections.
- FY 2022 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 January 2023

% of Year Completed:							8.33%
Revenue	MTD	YTD	Run Rate	Projected Budget Difference	Budgeted	Balance of Budget	8.33%
<b>General Fund</b>							
Taxes/Fees	\$206,730.41	\$206,730.41	\$2,480,764.92	\$11,849,227.59	\$12,055,958.00	\$11,849,227.59	1.71%
Licenses & Permits	\$11,929.75	\$11,929.75	\$143,157.00	\$186,570.25	\$198,500.00	\$186,570.25	6.01%
Intergovernmental	\$463,304.88	\$463,304.88	\$5,559,658.56	\$110,463.12	\$573,768.00	\$110,463.12	80.75%
Charges for Services	\$8,307.98	\$8,307.98	\$99,695.76	\$506,996.02	\$515,304.00	\$506,996.02	1.61%
Fines/Fortifications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$517,700.00	\$517,700.00	\$517,700.00	0.00%
Investment Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	0.00%
Contrib/Donation Private	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	#DIV/0!
Miscellaneous (reimb property damage)	\$7,901.27	\$7,901.27	\$94,815.24	\$129,239.73	\$137,141.00	\$129,239.73	5.76%
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$700,174.29</b>	<b>\$700,174.29</b>	<b>\$8,402,091.48</b>	<b>\$13,298,261.71</b>	<b>\$13,998,436.00</b>	<b>\$13,298,261.71</b>	<b>5.00%</b>
Expense	MTD	YTD	Run Rate	Projected Budget Difference	Budgeted	Balance of Budget	8.33%
<b>General Fund</b>							
Commissioners	\$64,601.64	\$64,601.64	\$775,219.68	\$1,394,964.36	\$1,459,566.00	\$1,394,964.36	4.43%
Board of Elections	\$17,476.97	\$17,476.97	\$209,723.64	\$306,322.03	\$323,799.00	\$306,322.03	5.40%
Tax Commissioner	\$28,947.74	\$28,947.74	\$347,372.88	\$312,046.26	\$340,994.00	\$312,046.26	8.49%
Courthouse Grounds & Public Bldg	\$40,066.01	\$40,066.01	\$480,792.12	\$424,730.99	\$464,797.00	\$424,730.99	8.62%
Tax Assessor	\$26,462.44	\$26,462.44	\$317,549.28	\$440,824.56	\$467,287.00	\$440,824.56	5.66%
Superior Court	\$613.42	\$613.42	\$7,361.04	\$604,112.58	\$604,726.00	\$604,112.58	0.10%
Clerk of Superior Court/Board of Equalizati	\$31,176.42	\$31,176.42	\$374,117.04	\$442,777.58	\$473,954.00	\$442,777.58	6.58%
District Attorney	\$2,954.74	\$2,954.74	\$35,456.88	\$30,823.26	\$33,778.00	\$30,823.26	8.75%
Magistrate Court	\$12,836.23	\$12,836.23	\$154,034.76	\$146,733.77	\$159,570.00	\$146,733.77	8.04%
Probate Court	\$21,918.31	\$21,918.31	\$263,019.72	\$288,480.69	\$310,399.00	\$288,480.69	7.06%
Sheriff	\$204,990.12	\$204,990.12	\$2,459,881.44	\$2,527,279.88	\$2,732,270.00	\$2,527,279.88	7.50%
Jail Operation & Building	\$90,759.96	\$90,759.96	\$1,089,119.52	\$1,251,747.04	\$1,342,507.00	\$1,251,747.04	6.76%
Fire Department	\$76,331.79	\$76,331.79	\$915,981.48	\$906,660.21	\$982,992.00	\$906,660.21	7.77%
EMS	\$66,416.00	\$66,416.00	\$796,992.00	\$707,881.00	\$774,297.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Coroner/Medical Examiner	\$1,893.47	\$1,893.47	\$22,721.64	\$28,929.53	\$30,823.00	\$28,929.53	6.14%
E-911	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,347.00	\$74,347.00	\$74,347.00	0.00%
EMA	\$2,736.41	\$2,736.41	\$32,836.92	\$43,413.59	\$46,150.00	\$43,413.59	5.93%
Public Works	\$64,552.42	\$64,552.42	\$774,629.04	\$1,680,382.58	\$1,744,935.00	\$1,680,382.58	3.70%
Public Health Administration	\$8,333.33	\$8,333.33	\$99,999.96	\$96,666.67	\$105,000.00	\$96,666.67	7.94%
DFCS	\$1,458.33	\$1,458.33	\$17,499.96	\$18,041.67	\$19,500.00	\$18,041.67	7.48%
Senior Citizens	\$10,894.91	\$10,894.91	\$130,738.92	\$215,232.09	\$226,127.00	\$215,232.09	4.82%
Public Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	0.00%
Recreation/facilities/museum & Ag Arena	\$23,923.05	\$23,923.05	\$287,076.60	\$465,508.95	\$489,432.00	\$465,508.95	4.89%
Library	\$24,368.58	\$24,368.58	\$292,422.96	\$268,054.42	\$292,423.00	\$268,054.42	8.33%
Conservation Administration & Forest Reso	\$4,120.62	\$4,120.62	\$49,447.44	\$59,179.38	\$63,300.00	\$59,179.38	6.51%
UGA County Extension	\$4,565.33	\$4,565.33	\$54,783.96	\$100,277.67	\$104,843.00	\$100,277.67	4.35%
Zoning	\$16,531.01	\$16,531.01	\$198,372.12	\$217,188.99	\$233,720.00	\$217,188.99	7.07%
Economic Development/IDA	\$5,833.33	\$5,833.33	\$69,999.96	\$64,166.67	\$70,000.00	\$64,166.67	8.33%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$854,762.58</b>	<b>\$854,762.58</b>	<b>\$10,257,150.96</b>	<b>\$13,134,673.42</b>	<b>\$13,989,436.00</b>	<b>\$13,134,673.42</b>	<b>6.11%</b>
This is the difference between remaining revenue collection and remaining expenditures			\$ (1,855,059.48)	\$ 163,588.29			
General Fund					\$9,000.00		
Month	(\$154,588.29)						
YTD	(\$154,588.29)						

		2/9/2023	
	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
	<b>Checking/Money Market Account</b>		
	ARP Grant	\$2,208,047.49	
	Construction	\$1,416,027.80	
	Sinking	\$126.96	
	TSPLOST	\$5,639,781.00	
	Hotel / Motel Tax	\$7,481.89	
	Payroll Checking 24237	\$170,033.91	
	General Fund 41178	\$5,360,006.52	
	E911 Landline 5200399	\$29,794.60	
	Recreation 0027	\$3,588.70	
	Jury Script 3376	\$2,168.29	
	Drug Fund	\$1,314.76	
	Capital Project	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>\$14,838,371.92</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL MONEY GENERAL FUND \$14,838,371.92</b>		
	<b>SPLOST FUNDS</b>		
	SPLOST II	\$0.00	
	SPLOST III	\$559,023.15	
	<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>\$559,023.15</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL MONEY SPLOST FUND \$559,023.15</b>		
	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL MONIES</b>		<b>\$15,397,395.07</b>
	<b>2023 Line of Credit</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Balance Received</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Note:			

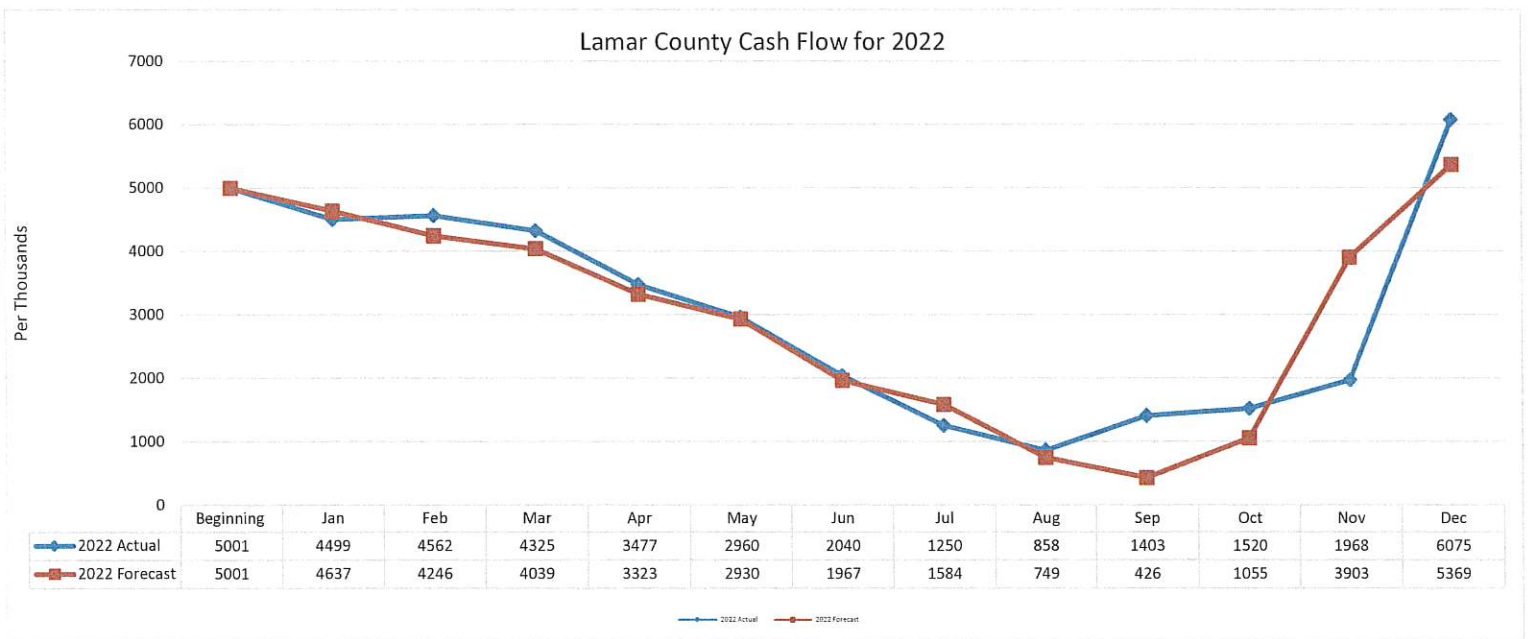


# LAMAR COUNTY CASH FLOW FORECAST

Item i.

2022

	MONTHS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
BEG BALANCE		5001	4499	4562	4325	3477	2960	2040	1250	858	1403	1520	1968	
PROPERTY TAXES											601	704	4049	5354
SALES TAXES		134	122	127	152	138	140	147	147	143	133	149	137	1669
OTHER REVENUE		153	763	465	355	239	327	252	248	1169	1200	637	1053	6860
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		287	885	592	507	378	467	399	395	1312	1934	1490	5239	13883
PAYROLL		521	544	517	901	524	725	935	259	527	527	738	539	7257
OTHER EXPENDITURES		267	278	313	454	370	662	252	529	240	1291	303	593	5552
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		-789	-822	-829	-1355	-894	-1387	-1188	-787	-767	-1817	-1041	-1133	-12810
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		4499	4562	4325	3477	2960	2040	1250	858	1403	1520	1968	6075	1074
ENDING BALANCE/FUNDS														
	Beginning	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2022 Actual	5001	4499	4562	4325	3477	2960	2040	1250	858	1403	1520	1968	6075	
2022 Forecast	5001	4637	4246	4039	3323	2930	1967	1584	749	426	1055	3903	5369	





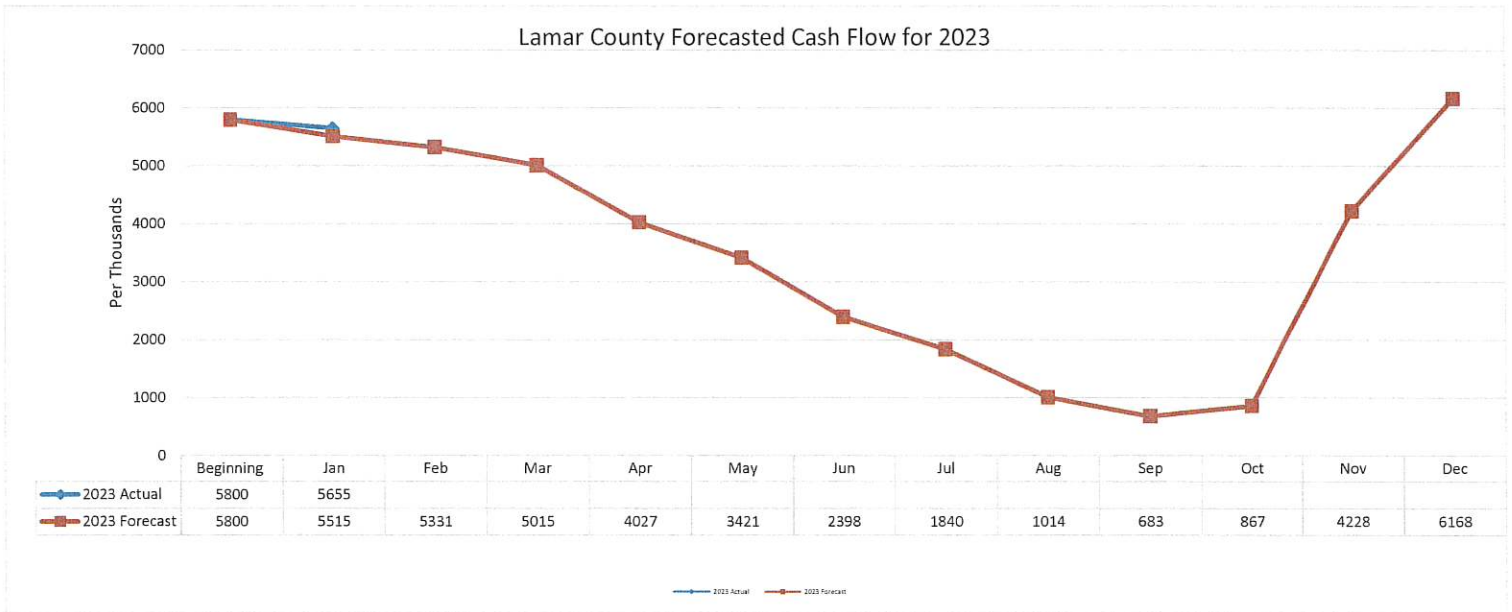
# LAMAR COUNTY CASH FLOW FORECAST

Item i.

2023

	MONTHS												TOTALS
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
BEG BALANCE	5800	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	
PROPERTY TAXES													0
SALES TAXES	144												144
OTHER REVENUE	556												556
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
PAYROLL	596												596
OTHER EXPENDITURES	249												249
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	-845	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-845
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	5655	-145
ENDING BALANCE/FUNDS													

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

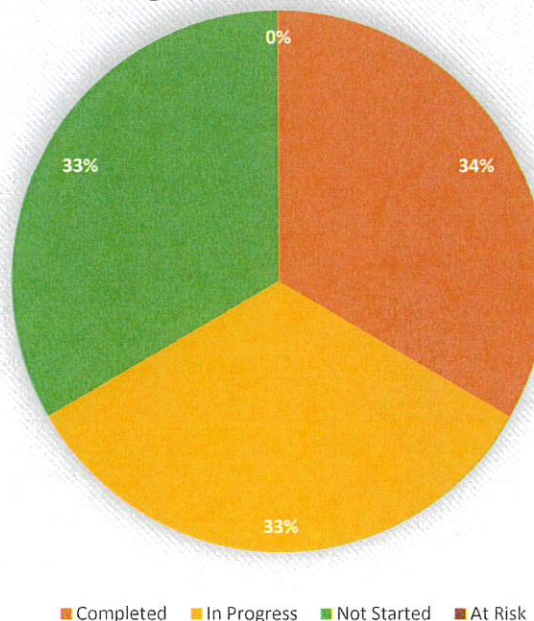


Note:

**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**  
**FY 2022-23 Program of Work**  
**Updated January 11th, 2023**

Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
<b>Equipment &amp; Vehicle Purchase</b>		
1. Request to purchase two vehicles from SPLOST February 15th	Sheriff	Cars have ordered and approved by the Board.
Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
<b>Park &amp; Recreation Projects</b>		
2. Lamar County Recreation Gym	County Administrator	The H/AC units have been installed. Blue Bear is finishing up wood frame and painting the week of February 20th. Week February 27th, the floors will be installed.
Program & Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status
<b>Facilities Maintenance</b>		
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
<b>Other Projects</b>		
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	Hogan has installed all the roof insulation. They have been framing the walls, sheetrock, and wiring electrical boxes.
6. Lamar County Animal Shelter	County Administrator	Working out the final details to start the process with the Architects.
7. TSPLOST Phase I	Public Works Director County Administrator Contractor: EXP	Award letter have send to approved vendors for the county's paving projects.

**Program of Work Status**



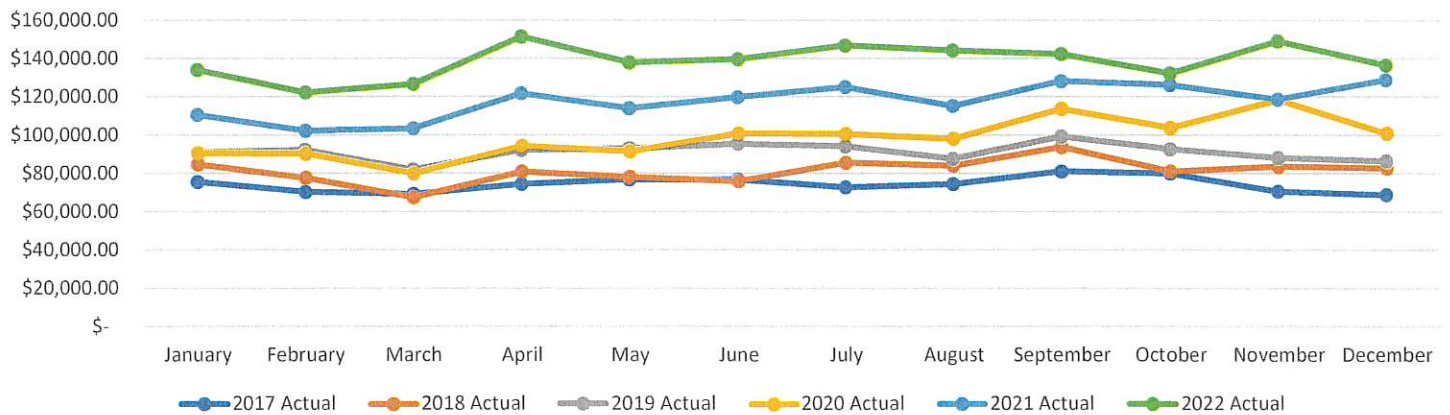


Lamar County Board of Commissioners  
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)  
COLLECTION CHART

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	
March	\$ 69,389.21	\$ 67,723.19	\$ 81,937.09	\$ 80,307.29	\$ 103,706.73	\$ 126,834.85	
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	\$ 144,262.73
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					

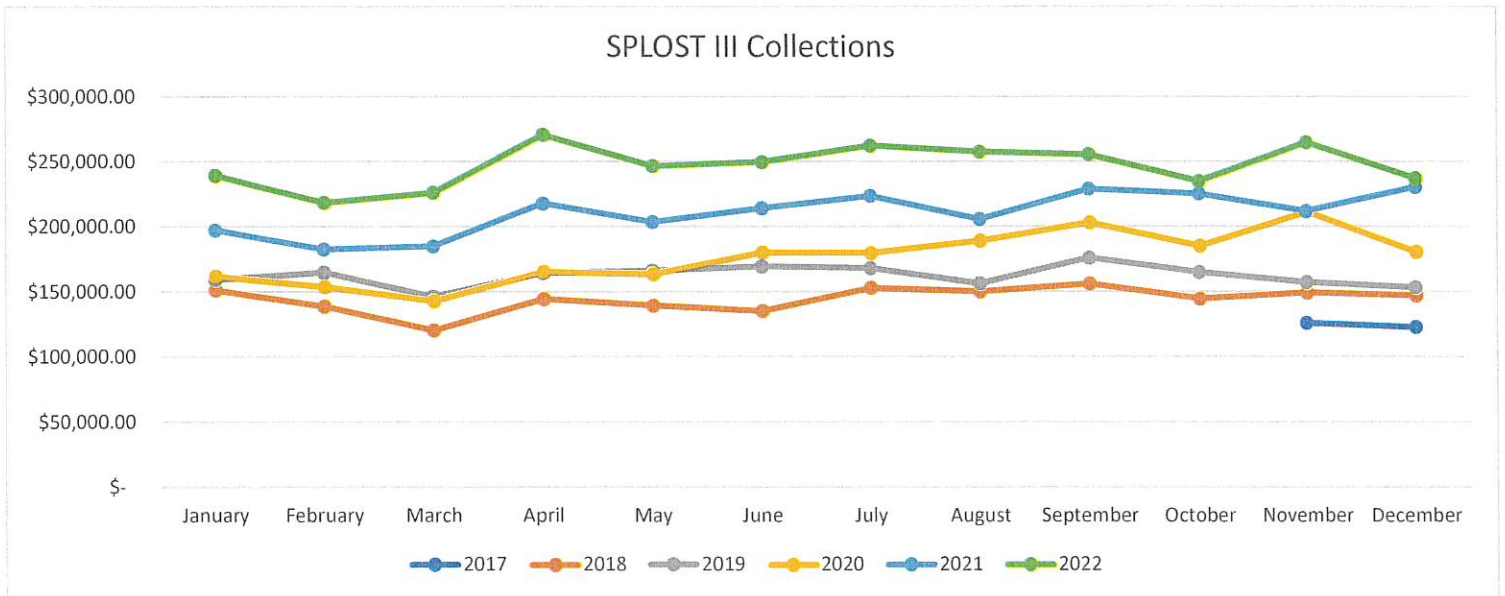
LOST Collections



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

Item i.

	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	
March		\$ 120,934.67	\$ 146,315.98	\$ 143,405.93	\$ 185,191.18	\$ 226,491.18	
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	\$ 248,174.06
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:	\$ 11,802,589.03 or an average of \$ 295,064.73 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					





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						
March						
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	\$ 236,234.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Budget	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
% Collect	102.9%					
Total to Date:	or an average of \$ - per month					
	\$ 231,557.81	FY 2022 Monthly average				
	\$ 236,234.96	FY 2023 Monthly average				

