

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, January 8, 2018

Chairman Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts. County Attorney Bill Daughtry was absent.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Chairman Lyon.

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 11, 2017. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

A Representative from Kinder-Morgan (Elba Pipeline) to present a check to the Volunteer Fire Departments for \$7500 to purchase breathing equipment from NAFECO. The check was presented to Mr. Rick Mewborn at the January 4, 2018 work session. Mr. Thomas asked Chairman Lyon to ask for a motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) 30-minute carbon cylinders from NAFECO. The purchase price is \$7552.64. Commissioner Alexander made the motion. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

KECB to address the Board requesting to increase the hours for the KECB Executive Director position. Currently this position is working an average of 20 hours per week. Two representatives talked to the Board at the work session about wanting to make this a full-time position. They said the KECB has significantly increased the amount of work being done and is reaching a limit of what can be accomplished under the present part-time hours. There are many projects ongoing as well as new ones being added. Mr. Thomas stated that he and Mr. Pitts are looking at the funds and thinks that the hours can be increased to 29 per week. He said that he would talk to the representatives from KECB and present this to them to try for now and maybe look at the budget for the next fiscal year to see if it will be feasible to make this a full-time position.

Recognition of District 2 Commissioner as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2018 calendar year. Mr. Thomas stated that we have changed the way we vote for the Vice-Chairman. It is now on a rotating basis with the District 2 Commissioner starting this month thru the end of the year. Next January will start with the District 3 Commissioner and so on. This will give each Commissioner an opportunity to be Vice-Chairman.

Discussion and approval of bids for two (2) new scoreboards for the Recreation Department. Funds will come from the 2011 SPLOST. Bids were advertised and three (3) bids were received. Bids were opened Thursday night at the work session. The low bid was from Skeeter's Designs for \$11,830.00 and includes installation. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the bid from Skeeter's Designs. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from the Development Authority to accept responsibility for the payroll of the Executive Director of the Authority. This has previously been handled by the City of Elberton. Mr. Thomas stated this is strictly an administrative move. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Reminder of ACCG County Days at the Capitol (previously District Days at the Capitol) on February 28, 2018.

Reminder of the Board of Commissioners Retreat on February 16, 2018 at Bobby Brown Park from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Financial Report. Mr. Pitts stated thirteen departments were slightly over budget thus far this year.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session. Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Harper made the motion. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Upon returning, Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

There were no actions taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.