

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, April 10, 2017**

Chairman Tommy 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 Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

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

**Adoption of Agenda.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add (6a)- Appointment of Susan Fortson to the Department of Family and Children Services board. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2017.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a policy to require all employees that drive or operate county vehicles to consent to a Motor Vehicle Record check each year.** This policy will be a supplement to the Elbert County Personnel Policy and Procedures adopted November 10, 2008, and require that all county employees who operate a county vehicle or heavy equipment to consent to a driving history check. This is a recommendation by our insurance carrier and could possibly mean a discount for us at the end of the year. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the addition of the policy. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Safety Policy Statement which strives to maintain a safety conscious attitude for all departments in Elbert County.** This is a recommendation by our insurance carrier to insure that a safety program is in place and to also have quarterly safety meetings with safety checks in each department. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the appointment of Susan Fortson to the DFACS board.** Mrs. Fortson will replace Robert Bond who asked to be removed. Mrs. Fortson has agreed to serve a 4 year term. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Financial Report.** According to Mr. Pitts, the General Fund is 1.9% under budget. Tax revenues are a concern since they are showing over \$300,000 less than this time last year. Mr. Pitts is talking to various departments to see where the deficit is.

**Public Comments.** Mr. Jimmy White thanked the commissioners for the donation to support the Jim Ree Museum Spring Festival.

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