

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 9, 2018 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, 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. Commissioner Horace Harper was absent.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 11A) Request from EMS to declare three stretchers as surplus, 11B) Request from the Community Health Improvement Program to help fund a health education course; and to add an Executive Session for the purpose of litigation. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve amending the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018 and the Called Meeting on March 19, 2018. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of a Resolution declaring the week of April 8-14, 2018 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval to amend Section 2-3 of the Code of Ordinances to provide additional standards to the County Purchasing Policy. Mr. Daughtry informed the Board that things have changed since the County now has a purchasing agent making changes to the Purchasing Policy necessary. For procurement of more than \$2500, we will publish a Request for Bids on the county website, in addition to the newspaper; also added is a provision that in the event procurement or purchase is for a particular unique service, machinery equipment or materials which no local vendor provides, it shall not be necessary to publish a request for bids in the legal organ. Bids will now be obtained by the Purchasing Agent rather than the County Administrator. This is for First Reading only; no vote is required.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution declaring the old road bed on Teasley Road (south of Coldwater Road) as surplus property and advertising for sealed bids of said property. This is for a portion of Teasley Road that had previously been closed years ago. Mr. Daughtry with the help of the Tax Assessors office estimated the portion to be 0.716 of an acre with an assessed value of \$1475.68. He also stated that we only had to solicit bids from the two adjoining landowners since there is no access to that portion of the property. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to solicit and accept sealed bids from the abutting landowners with the minimum bid being \$1475.68. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of School Resource Officers with the School Board, Elbert County and the Sheriff's Office for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Daughtry said that he has spoken with the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney about the proposed agreement. He stated that his main concern is the additional liability we are incurring, and he was hoping to shift some liability to the School Board in the event of an injuring lawsuit. He said that we do need something in place for the remainder of the school year. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion upon the recommendation of Mr. Daughtry to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement through the remainder of the school year; but will need to discuss and possibly make changes to the agreement for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussing and approval of bid opening for the boat trailer that was declared surplus property. Three bids were received with the bid of \$100.56 being the high bid. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the high bid. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a concrete finisher for the two new fire stations. Mr. Thomas stated only one bid was received but did not follow the specifications; therefore, he recommended to not accept the bid and to re-advertise. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to not accept bid and to re-advertise. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for five Yurts to be placed at Bobby Brown Park. Two bids were received. The low bid was from Blue Ridge Yurts for \$52,092.65. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the bid from Blue Ridge Yurts. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of a Request from EMS to declare three stretchers as surplus property. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of a Request from the Community Health Improvement Program to fund the substance abuse action plan through the county's Drug Education account. Alysia Poon, Project Manager gave a presentation at the County's work session. Currently the greatest cost would be for a health education course at ECMS; other cost would be for after-school and in-school programs, speakers/presenter fees for assemblies and ECMS and ECCHS. Mr. Thomas recommend donating \$15,000 to this program from the Drug Education account. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve Mr. Thomas's recommendation. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts reported that General Fund Expenditures are 1.5% over budget. The E-911 and Solid Waste Fund revenues are less than this time last year and expenditures are slightly higher. Also, the Hotel/Motel fund balance is \$9,539, with \$5,180 available for local promotional expenses.

Public Comments. Jennifer Rainer, advocate with the four crime victim's agencies in Northeast Georgia requested permission to hold a public ceremony on April 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in front of the court house and have the Proclamation read by an official of the Board. This event will bring together all four crime victim's agencies, invited guest as well as any citizens of Elbert County in remembering crime victims. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to honor the request to hold a ceremony remembering crime victims. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session. Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Vaughn made the motion. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Upon leaving Executive Session Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Lyon stated no action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.