

PRELIMINARY – NOT YET APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Monday, May 14, 2018**

A Public Hearing was held to hear rezoning requests as follows:

- 1) A request from Sandra Worley to amend the designation of 46.68 acres on the Washington Highway from Mixed Use to Agricultural. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request.
- 2) A request to amend five separate parcel designations to Agricultural. The Planning Commission recommends approval of these requests.

As there were no public comments on these items; Chairman Tommy Lyon declared the meeting closed.

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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 and CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.

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

Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 4a) Request from Sandra Worley to change zoning class from Mixed Use to Agricultural. 4b) Requests to amend five separate parcel designations to Agricultural. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve amending the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular meeting on April 9, 2018. Commissioner Vaughn 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 request from Sandra Worley to amend the designation of 46.68 acres on the Washington Highway from Mixed Use to Agricultural. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request to amend the designation of five separate parcels to Agricultural per recommendation of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the Elbert County Health Insurance policy for county employees. Mr. Thomas stated that he's not ready to make a recommendation yet. We are continuing to look for savings without sacrificing benefits for employees. There will probably be a called meeting held later this month. Therefore, no vote is required at this time.

Discussion and approval of the 2nd Reading to amend Section 2-3 of the Code of Ordinances to provide additional standards to the County Purchasing Policy. Mr. Daughtry stated there was a need to change the policy to reflect the following changes. 1) We now have a purchasing agent, 2) To publish request for bids on the county's website and 3) To save on publication costs in the event that a particular service or piece of machinery or equipment is not available by Elbert County vendors; then it shall not be necessary to publish a Request for Bids in the legal organ. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve amending the County Purchasing Policy. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for concrete finishing for the two new fire stations. Mr. Thomas stated that four sealed bids were received and opened at the work session. Mr. Todd Beener was the low bid at .85 cents per square foot. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve Mr. Todd Beener's bid. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elberton to continue to operate and maintain a Geographical Information System (GIS) data base to assemble, store, maintain and display data relevant to various departments in Elberton and Elbert County. This agreement will expire on March 8, 2019 unless otherwise renewed. Mr. Thomas stated that this is an extension of an agreement that we have had now with the City for approximately four years and that he would like to see this agreement extended. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve extending the agreement. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for the previously abandoned property known as Teasley Road on the south side of Coldwater Road. Mr. Thomas stated that a public hearing was held when this portion of the road was closed and then the property was advertised for sale by sealed bids. One bid was received by Mr. Max McDaniel for \$2,000; therefore Mr. Thomas recommends accepting this bid of \$2,000. Commissioner Alexander made a motion accept this bid. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elberton for housing inmates in the County Detention Facility and 911 Dispatch Services. This agreement will extend for a 2-year period, commencing on July 1, 2018 and concluding on June 30, 2020. Mr. Daughtry stated this is an extension of a previous agreement between the city and county to house inmates. An agreement has been reached with the city to house inmates at \$35 per day, up from \$30 per day and is in line with what other cities and counties are charging. As for the 911 Dispatch Services, an agreement has been reached for the city to be responsible for the salaries of two and one-half full-time dispatchers. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elberton, the City of Bowman, and Elbert County for the 2018 Service Delivery Strategy update which promotes the delivery of local governmental services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner. Mr. Daughtry stated that a meeting was held between the local governments discussing the joint services that we provide our citizens and discussed changes that has occurred over the last ten years. The 2018 update to the Elbert County Service Delivery Strategy has to be submitted to the state. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve this agreement. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Elbert County Board of Education to extend the lease for the Beaverdam School facility for another five years. Mr. Thomas stated this is an agreement for an extension of a lease with the Board of Education for the Beaverdam School facility that houses our County Extension Service and a training site for the fire and sheriff's departments. The term of the lease is for five years, commencing on June 1, 2018 and ending May 31, 2023, at One Dollar (\$1.00) per year. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Funds to come from the 2017 SPLOST. Three bids were received; with the low bid of \$57,150 for two (2) Dodge Chargers from Ed Murdock in Lavonia. Mr. Thomas recommended accepting that bid. Before a motion was made, Mr. Pitts stated that funds were low in the SPLOST account at this time, but Mr. Thomas stated that the vehicles would have to be ordered and would not possibly be delivered until July. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the low bid from Ed Murdock. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution to establish the position of a Safety Coordinator to oversee a safety program to assist with the loss prevention efforts of the county. This Resolution establishes the position of a safety coordinator responsible for insuring compliance with certain safety rules and regulations that protect the well-being of county employees and the general public.

Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the Safety Coordinator Resolution. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. According to Mr. Pitts, FY 2018 General Fund expenditures are over budget .7%. E911 Fund revenues are \$56,601 less than FY2017 revenues. Solid Waste revenues are \$26,563 less than FY2017 revenues and expenditures are \$25,991 more than FY2017, due to the purchase of almost \$11,250 for grinding materials.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

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

Chairman Lyon stated there was no action taken for litigation; but did state there was discussion to purchase the property at 1298 Bowman Highway to make a better emergency access for property owners of Allen Circle which will now be called Allen Circle Extension. It will give those property owners another access due to the closing of a portion of that road when the railroad was expanded. The reason for the property acquisition is due to fact that when the access road is built; the runoff will affect the owner's property and will make it impossible to live there. The purchase price will be the value per the tax digest of \$41,306 with 30% being funded from LMIG. Commissioner Jones made a motion to buy this property at 1298 Bowman Highway. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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