

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**Public Hearing**  
**5:15 P.M.**

A Public Hearing was held to discuss a consideration to abandon the right-of way to a portion of Sara Jane Drive from Elm Street Extension to Poplar Springs Extension. This section of road has ceased to be used by the public as it has not been maintained as a county roadway and is at the present time unpassable. There were no public comments.

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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 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.

**Adoption of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2016 and the Called Meeting on December 21, 2016.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a consideration to abandon the right-of-way for a portion of Sara Jane Drive from Elm Street Extension to Poplar Springs Extension.** According to Mr. Thomas, this portion of right-of way has not been improved to a county roadway for public access and there are trees growing in the roadway making it unpassable. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve a Resolution to Abandon this section of the county road system. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and election of a Vice Chairman for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners for a two (2) year term.** Commissioner Alexander made a recommendation to change this to a yearly position. According to Mr. Daughtry a change could be made to the ordinance to make it a one year term. He stated there would have to be a first and second reading and he would have it ready at the February meeting.

**Discussion and approval of the renewal of Resolutions for the E911 Fees/Charges.**

- A) Resolution imposing a 911 charge on VOIP within Elbert County.
- B) Resolution for Emergency 911 fees.
- C) Resolution for 911 "Emergency Telephone Fund Surcharge".

Mr. Thomas stated these are resolutions that we adopt every year for renewal of annual fees that provide funding for the 911 facilities. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the resolutions. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the first reading to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to create a new section 2-6 Amending the Records Management Program.** The Records Retention Schedule is part of the Records Management program required by the State. Over the years the state has made amendments to provisions without informing local governments, therefore, this ordinance will be in compliance with state recommendations. This is a first reading only, no vote required.

**Reminder of the Board of Commissioners retreat on February 17, 2017 at Bobby Brown Park.** Mr. Thomas stated there will be several issues discussed. Mr. Rusty Warner from the Economic Development Authority will be there along with the developers for the Bobby Brown Park Master Plan.

**Financial Report.** According to Mr. Pitts, the General Fund is 0.7% under budget compared to 2.2% last December. Total revenues so far this year are \$1,741,715.00 less than last year at this time. In the E911 fund, revenues and transfers are \$58,637 more than last year. The Solid Waste Fund is actually showing a profit of \$36,709 thru six (6) months, due to moving the convenience centers to the General Fund.

**Public Comments.** There were no public comments.

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