

**Minutes of Public Hearing  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, November 13, 2017**

5:15 P.M.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the road closing on a portion of Teasley Road at Coldwater Road.

Karen McDaniel spoke in favor of the road closing. There being no other public comments, 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 Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler. CFO Phil Pitts was absent.

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

**Adoption of Agenda.** Commissioner Vaughn 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 of October 9, 2017.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Request from residents and land owners of Craft Ferry Subdivision to address the Board regarding the road conditions in the subdivision.** Terry Warner, Louise Decker, James Owens, Jeff Yackel, Sharon Keane-Murphy, Bentley Ruff, Robin Smith, Christina Ruff all addressed the Board with their concerns and requested help in improving the road conditions in the subdivision.

**Discussion and approval to close a portion of Teasley Road beginning at the intersection of Coldwater Road and running approximately six tenths of a mile.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the road closure. Commission Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids for the Volunteer Firefighters Cancer insurance as required by House Bill 146 that was passed by the 2017 Georgia General Assembly.** ACCG, Franklin Insurance, and Adamson Insurance all submitted bids with ACCG being the lowest bid at \$23,968. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve ACCG's bid. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the FY 2017 Budget Amendment.** Mr. Thomas stated at the end of the fiscal year audit; certain adjustments need to be made for auditing purposes. The amended budget for FY 2017 is \$10,874,600.00. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the 2017 budget amendment. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the reappointment of Mr. Horace Baker to the Elbert County Board of Tax Assessors for a three-year term.** Mr. Bakers current term expires December 31, 2017. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids for a new ambulance for the EMS Department.** Emergency Vehicle Sales of Elberton was the only company to submit a bid. The bid was for a 2017 Ford F350 Type I Trauma Hawk for \$141,740. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the bid from Emergency Vehicle Sales. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids received for a new fire truck for the Fire Department.** Deep South Fire Trucks and Fire Line, Inc. submitted bids; with Deep South Fire Trucks being the lowest bid at \$169,650. Mr. Thomas stated there is a grant amount for \$172,500; therefore, he recommends approving the bid from Deep South Fire Trucks with additions recommended by Fire Chief Rick Mewborne. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the bid from Deep South Fire Trucks. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2019 Transit Contract for the Elbert County Transit.** This is an annual grant for the transit program. The total grant amount is \$214,650 with 50% being federally funded, and 50% local match. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the 2019 transit contract. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion regarding an amendment to the Joint Economic Development budget since the City of Elberton has not funded their portion of the 2018 budget.** Mr. Thomas stated we have put in \$65,000, but the City has not contributed their portion this year. He went on to say that if the City does not fund their portion then we will have to adjust the budget. Chairman Lyon asked Mayor Larry Guest who was in attendance if they could get together and discuss the matter further.

**Discussion and approval of an agreement with Davis Systems to provide recycling for electronic devices on a daily basis.** This process will include KECB as part of the agreement. Mr. Thomas stated he was pleased to announce a proposal from a local company to recycle electronic devices. The recycling will take place in a vacant warehouse at the transfer site. He went on to say he thinks this is a good opportunity to recycle these items instead of them going into the landfill. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the agreement with Davis Systems for recycling. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Financial Report.** Mr. Pitts was absent; but Mr. Thomas stated we are slightly under budget for the year.

**Public Comments.** Mr. Troy Colquitt commented on the issues of the residents of the Craft Ferry subdivision.

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