

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 11, 2018**

A public hearing was held to hear citizens concerns regarding the satellite television market modifications from the Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville media market to the Atlanta market.

Many people were in attendance and spoke in support of having access to the Atlanta stations rather than South Carolina/North Carolina stations. Only one person spoke in opposition stating that he would suggest a dual market for the area.

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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 and CFO Phil Pitts.

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

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

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2018 and the Called Meeting of May 31, 2018. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of any decisions, letters or recommendations that should be made regarding the media market modifications on the television station coverage. After listening to all of the comments from citizens at the public hearing in favor of an Atlanta media market, Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to proceed with a petition to the FCC. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a retail Beer and Wine license at 3561 Calhoun Falls Highway. The business name will be Tony's and will be a convenience, bait and tackle, and lottery store. Cynthia Penland filed the application. Mr. Thomas stated that all qualifications have been met. Commissioner Vaughn made the motion to approve the application. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to allow the Jim-Ree Museum Board to paint the building at 24 South Oliver Street and to have some exterior work done at this facility. All work will be done with the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Elberton. Mr. Thomas stated that since the county owns this building, the Jim-Ree Museum Board requests permission to proceed with

improvements. Commissioner Vaughn made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids to replace the rotating beacon at the airport. Ninety (90) percent of the funding will come from a grant from the FAA. The beacon has failed and is currently not working. Three (3) bids were opened during the work session with the low bid from TCA Electrical Contractors for \$9800. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the bid from TCA Electrical Contractors. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an IGA with the Elbert County Board of Education for the Provision of School Resource Officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Daughtry stated this had been discussed at last monthly meeting and the Sheriff had agreed with the Board of Education to provide Deputies to serve as School Resource Officers. For the last several years the county has supplied one (1) SRO, now the BOE will pay salaries and benefits for an additional four (4) officers to be at all five (5) schools. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the IGA. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request from Republic Services to extend the contract for transportation and disposal of the solid waste (MSW) from our transfer site on Hulmes Chapel Road. There was some discussion about extending the contract assuming the rate will stay the same. The contract will expire June 30th. Commissioner Alexander asked if any bids were received from other companies. Mr. Thomas stated that some were coming but have not received any. After asking for a motion from Chairman Lyon, Commissioner Alexander stated that with a contract this large; that we should receive bids. Therefore, the item was tabled until bids were received and since the current contract will expire June 30th, a called meeting will need to be held to either look at the other bids or extend the current contract.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution approving the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Public Defender's Office of the Northern Judicial Circuit for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mr. Daughtry stated that the total office budget is increasing by approximately \$30,000 due to a rent increase and the need to increase the salaries of county-funded lawyers to be in line with state funded lawyers. However, Elbert County's share of the increase will be less than \$2,000 for the year due to a decline in felony arrests in Elbert County therefore, indigent defense costs as decreased. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Agreement with the Public Defender's office. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to renew the agreement for one (1) year with Mr. Matt Easom as the State Court Public Defender or to re-bid this position. Mr. Daughtry stated that Mr. Easom turned in the lowest bid last year of \$1250 per month. He also stated that Judge Steve Jenkins is pleased with the job that Mr. Easom is doing. It is his recommendation that we continue with Mr. Easom's services for another year. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to renew the agreement with Mr. Easom. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Alexander opposing.

Discussion and approval of bids for a new backhoe for the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Three (3) bids were received and opened at the work session. The low bid received was from Flint Equipment for a 36-month lease at \$1455.49 per month with a buy-out option at the end of the lease for \$52,132. Commissioner Harper made a motion approve the lease with Flint Equipment. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to declare as surplus the following items:

- A. 1977 Ford F800 Fire Truck, VIN# 82FVY700S8

- B. Two (2) Ford E350 Passenger Vans from the Senior Center
 - a. VIN 1FDWE35F82HA40370
 - b. VIN 1FDWE35F62HA40366
- C. Two (2) exhaust hoods
- D. One (1) deep fryer from the Detention Center
- E. Two (2) commercial stainless-steel sinks

It is the recommendation of Mr. Thomas to list the vehicles on GovDeals and request sealed bids for the equipment. Commissioner Vaughn asked if possibly Parks and Recreation could use any of the equipment and Mr. Thomas said that he would ask before requesting other bids. Thereby Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to declare the items as surplus. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated that General Fund expenditures are .03 percent over budget through May. Revenues are up from the past three years. E-911 Fund revenues are \$25,569 less than this time last year and expenditures are \$14,307 more. Solid Waste revenues are \$2,612 less than this time last year and expenditures are \$48,647 more.

Public Comments. Mr. Jimmy White, President of the Jim Ree Museum thanked the commissioners for approving improvements to the Jim Ree Museum facility.

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