

Minutes  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, December 10, 2018

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, CFO Phil Pitts.

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

**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.

**Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting on November 12, 2018 and the Called Meeting on November 19, 2018.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Recognition of the players and coaches of the 11 and under North Georgia Football Super Bowl Champions. This was their first ever championship and their first year of competition.** Greg Johnson, Recreation Director congratulated the players and coaches for a great season and a perfect 12-0 record. He also stated the team has been invited to play in Florida in January.

**Request from Jerry Mosier to speak to the Commissioners regarding the conditions of Corinth Church Road.** Mr. Mosier stated his concerns of the road conditions not only on his road, but several other roads in the area. He stated that he has requested a guardrail to be put up at the end of Parham Road on Hwy. 172, where he lost his daughter in a tragic car accident. Chairman Lyon told Mr. Mosier that Corinth Church Road is one of the first roads on the list to be paved in the coming year.

**Max Black to provide an update on hospital activities.** Mr. Black gave an update to the Commissioners at the work session. Mr. Daniel Graves did reiterate some points, such as recent changes to the ER and radiology services. Also, EMH is now offering 3D Mammography services. He thanked the board for their continued support.

**Discussion and approval of the Standard Operating Procedures for Bobby Brown Park.** These procedures cover all the rules and regulations concerning conduct on the park. Chairman Lyon took this opportunity to talk about the newly constructed yurts and to thank park employees as well as “Friends of Bobby Brown Park” for their help. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Standard Operating Procedures for the park. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion regarding individuals and private haulers taking trash and MSW (multiple solid waste) to the county transfer site. All vehicles and trailers are required to be tarped or strapped down to avoid trashing coming off vehicles.** Chairman Lyon stated we are putting an emphasis on trying to clean up the county and with the new Code Enforcement officer; we are looking at writing more citations. Mr. Daughtry stated it is state law as well as a local ordinance that trash in vehicles or trailers must be tarped or strapped down.

**Discussion and approval of bids for an ambulance and remount for EMS.** Bobby Howell, Purchasing Agent stated that one bid was received from Emergency Vehicle Sales for \$113,884.

Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the bid from Emergency Vehicle Sales. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids for Panasonic Toughbooks to be used in the ambulances.** Mr. Howell stated that 11 bids were received. Of the three lowest bids, ALBICA did not meet specifications. Mobile Communications of Hall returned a bid of \$25,196.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the bid of Mobile Communications of Hall. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids for an Asphalt Hotbox trailer for the Road Department.** Mr. Howell stated that three (3) bids were received. Two bids did not meet specs. The price of the one that did meet specs was \$59,475.00. After some discussion, Chairman Lyon stated that in his opinion more research needs to be done before making a decision. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to table the item. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated that we are currently \$103,000 over budget, through the first five months of the fiscal year. Also, revenues from property taxes are slowly coming in.

**Public Comments.** Terry Brown spoke to the commissioners of the lack of broadband service in the rural areas of the county and the expense of service compared to other counties. He stated that he knows of a number of people that would consider moving to the area if they could “have contact with the outside world”. He stated that we are desperately in need of county-wide services for a number of things, and broadband is one of the things that money has to be spent up front for long-term gain.

**Executive Session.** Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Upon returning, 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 5-0.

Chairman Lyon stated no action was taken.

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