

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 11, 2019**

A request to rezone .27 acres from GB (General Business) to R1 (Residential) located at 2518 Harmony Road. This is the former Centerville Fire Station. A new fire station was built so this property will revert back to the owner.

There being no public comments, Chairman Lee Vaughn called the Public Hearing for the rezoning request to a close.

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Commissioner Horace Harper, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Jr., 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 Ashworth.

At this time Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to switch items (5) and (6) so that Discussion and Consideration of the Sweet City Landfill, LLC Special Use Permit application will be heard first. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve amending the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of February 11, 2019. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Consideration of the application of Sweet City Landfill, LLC for a Special Use Permit to operate a Regional Subtitle D Solid Waste Landfill, Materials Recovery Facility, and Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility at the intersection of Stinchcomb Road and Sweet City road on the property now or formerly owned by Elberton Timberlands, LLC.

The hearing was held in the Government Complex Courtroom to accommodate the large number of residents expected to appear. The meeting started with attorneys representing both Sweet City Landfill, LLC and Elbert County giving statements and expert testimonies from engineers concerning the project. Public comments were open to the floor where 17 residents voiced their opinions and concerns. **(A sign-in list of people in attendance is available and will be included with the official minutes).** Many were residents of the area and stressed their concerns about the quality of life if a landfill was in the area. Many were concerned about odor, noise, rodents, wells and water and property values, just to name a few. One resident had concerns about water and run-off from the landfill; but also stated Sweet City Landfill, LLC has a right to due process.

Following an almost 2- hour discussion regarding this project; Chairman Vaughn called the Public Hearing to a close.

At this time Chairman Vaughn asked if any Commissioner had any questions or comments. With no questions or comments from the Commissioners; He asked for a motion. Commissioner Kenneth

Ashworth made the motion to deny the application of Sweet City Landfill, LLC. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Consideration of a rezoning request to change .27 acres on 2518 Harmony Road from (General Business) to R1 (Residential). This is the former Centerville Fire Station; and the land will revert back to the owner. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Consideration of a request for the Purchasing Department to look for a used 15 passenger van for the UGA Extension Service. The request will not exceed \$35,000. Funds will come from the SPLOST account. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of a proposed Broad River Landowners Ordinance to encourage a river corridor improvement fund to make improvements and cleanup of the Broad River. This item was for discussion only and more information is needed before further consideration.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated revenues are slightly less than last year at this time. General Fund expenditures are over budget by 1.68%.

Public Comments. There were a few public comments thanking the commissioners for their vote to deny the application of the Sweet City Landfill, LLC application.

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