

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, May 13, 2019**

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, 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 give by Mr. Daughtry.

**Adoption of the 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 April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting and the April 15, 2019 Called Meeting.** Commissioner Harper made a motion adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the Elbert County Employee Health Plan for 2019-2020.** Mr. Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits Group gave a presentation to the Board at the Work Session. Mr. Thomas stated that as a result of fewer claims filed this past year we will see a slight decrease in the employee portion of the health insurance. However, there will be a slight increase in dental coverage. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the employee's health plan with MSI Benefits Group. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the Elbert County Property and Casualty Insurance Program for 2019-2020.** Two bids were received with ACCG having the low bid. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance with ACCG for 2019-2020. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Request from the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (DBHDD) Region 2 Advisory Council to appoint a resident to serve on the council.** Mr. Thomas stated this is a 3-year appointment and meets 6 times per year with teleconference meetings in Athens. Chairman Vaughn also stated that he hoped to get the word out through the media in hopes that someone from the county would wish to serve.

**Discussion regarding the low bidder on the roof replacement of the old Train Depot from the April meeting.** The low bidder has declined the contract stating they had underbid the project. Mr. Thomas suggested rewriting the proposal and to put back out for bids, itemizing all aspects of the project.

**Discussion and approval to move forward with a proposal from ABM Solutions for installing energy systems for certain county buildings that will reduce energy consumption and provide a revenue neutral payback.** Mr. Thomas stated there have been several presentations from ABM Solutions with their audit findings and observations of county buildings. They have also presented a Building and Funding Solution to the Board. The cost of the project will be approximately \$1.1 million over a 15-year period. The first step of the project is to have a Resolution to enter into a contract with ABM Solutions to provide upgrades to Elbert County facilities through a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and that financing of the project be negotiated and presented to the Commission for consideration and authorizes the Chairman and County Manager to sign appropriate contractual

agreement documents. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to proceed with the Resolution. No motion was made to proceed.

**Discussion and approval of bids to replace and paint the fascia boards on the old Train Depot.** Mr. Thomas stated 2 bids were received with Keith Scarborough having the low bid of \$7,300. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the low bid from Keith Scarborough. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids for the motor grader for the Road Department.** Flint Equipment turned in the only bid. Yancey Brothers declined to submit a bid. Flint Equipment submitted a bid for a John Deere 622G with a 36-month lease of \$2132.94 per month with a purchase option of \$192,820.80. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the bid from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Alexander and Commissioner Freeman opposing.

**Discussion and approval of bids for two bush-hog mowers (Rotary Cutters) for the Road Department.** A number of bids were received with Bailey Farm Equipment submitting the low bid of \$13,828.73 (each) for the Modern brand of bush-hog. James Short Tractor submitted a bid of \$14,089.00 each for the Bush-Hog brand. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the bid from James Short Tractor. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of RFP for Information Technology regarding protection and further direction.** Mr. Thomas stated that bids were sent out requesting an analysis of the county's technology equipment and recommendations for the future protection against malware and hacking. Albica Computers were the low bid. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the bid from Albica Computers. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion regarding the 2019 LMIG Road Paving List.** Mr. Thomas stated a company has looked at Corinth Church Road (approximate 3 miles) and Middleton Church Road (finishing the project that was started last year) since they are the two roads in the worst condition. The projected cost for just those two roads is approximately \$1 million. LMIG would cover \$646,000 with the County assuming 30% or \$193,000. Other roads on the list are Dunn Road, Horace Road, Mauldin Road and Gravel/Crusher Run for dirt roads. Mr. Thomas stated we wouldn't know exact cost until we put it out for bids. He also said he was thankful for the citizens voting to approve the 1 percent TSPLOST. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to go ahead with requesting bids for the Corinth Church Road and Middleton Church Road paving project. Commissioner Alexander made the motion. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Resolution (Sec. 58-3) regarding the county gravel policy.** Mr. Daughtry stated this resolution brings the county gravel policy in line with existing law and current needs and practices. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the county gravel policy. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated we are .17 % over budget. General Fund revenues are slightly more than this time last year. He also stated April was a good month for sales tax revenues.

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

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