

**Minutes of Public Hearing  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, July 13, 2020**

**5:15 PM**

A Public Hearing was held to consider a rezoning request from Suzanna Perez to rezone 5 acres at 2193 Rehoboth Road (Map 006 Parcel 087A) from R1 (Residential) to RR (Rural Residential). The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this application. There were no public comments regarding this request.

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Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Horace Harper, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, 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 Commissioner Ashworth.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of the Minutes of June 8, 2020 and the Called Meeting on June 25,2020.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the contract with the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce to provide tourism services for Elbert County.** Funds will come from the Hotel/Motel tax revenue fund. Mr. Daughtry stated this contract is required by statute in order for Hotel/Motel taxes to be assessed and for 40% of the tax proceeds to be paid to the Chamber. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the rezoning request from Suzanna Perez to rezone 5 acres at 2193 Rehoboth Road (Map 006 Parcel 087A) from R1 (Residential) to RR (Rural Residential).** The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this application. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Sunny Solar, LLC and the Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton, and Bowman for the development of a solar**

**energy production facility on land in Elbert County bordering on Longstreet Road and State Route 79.**

Mr. Thomas stated this MOU is executed by Sonny Solar, The Development Authority, The Elbert County Board of Commissioners, Tax Assessors, Tax Commissioner, and the Board of Education. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of six (6) transport ventilators for EMS ambulances. Purchase to be paid with COVID federal funds.**

Mr. Thomas stated bids were sent out for this equipment. He recommended approval of the low bid from The EMS SuperStore for \$26,056.31. Commissioner Harper made the motion to approve; Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to purchase King Vision video laryngoscope for EMS (4 kits with #3 blades and pediatric blade adapters). Purchase to be paid with COVID federal funds.**

Bids were sent out with QuadMed, Inc. being the low bid of \$5,392.00. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the purchase from QuadMed, Inc. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to reappoint Bill Palmer as Elbert County's Private Sector appointee to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission.**

Chairman Vaughn stated Mr. Palmer has agreed to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> term on the council. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Palmer. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated that General Fund expenditures are right at budget; revenues are excellent and better than projected in the beginning of the year. Sales tax revenues have gone up month by month. SPLOST and TSPLOST funds are in good shape as is Hotel/Motel tax funds.

**Executive Session.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Jones made the motion; Commissioner Alexander seconded. Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning, Commissioner Alexander made the motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth seconded. Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Vaughn stated that no action was taken.

There were no Public Comments on any agenda item.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.