

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, May 11, 2020
Meeting held in the Rock Gym

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.

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 11a) Reappointment of Leigh Dye to the DFACS board. Commissioner Alexander made the motion to amend the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of the minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Reading of a Proclamation to recognize the distinguished service of Patrick Marcellino to Elbert County. Mr. Thomas read the Proclamation recognizing Mr. Marcellino's distinguished service to Elbert County. He thanked Mr. Marcellino for his dedication and hard work and stated that he would surely be missed.

Second reading of an Ordinance to amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures to create a new section titled "Expanded Sick Leave and Family Medical Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act". Mr. Daughtry stated the amendment was created due to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020 with an effective date of April 2, 2020 through December 31, 2020 providing for expanded sick leave and family medical leave. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Approval of a contract with Republic Services for transportation and disposal of solid waste services. Mr. Thomas stated this is a renewal of the agreement with Republic Services with a 3% increase. He stated this could mean a possible increase to customers for tipping fees and blue and yellow bags. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the contract with Republic Services. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for grass cutting services and a limited amount of trash pickup for county owned properties. Mr. Thomas stated that Whitworth Women's Facility pulled one work detail crew that did grass cutting for the county; therefore, bids were sought. Two bids were received with A Cut Above Lawncare being the low bid of \$87,000 annually. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the bid from A Cut Above Lawncare. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of deleting fees for the following permits: 1) Demolition, 2) Signs, 3)

Occupancy. Mr. Daughtry stated the amended Ordinance would not charge a fee for demolition; fees would be waived for signs for non-profit organizations and the occupancy fee would be included in the cost of the building permit. This is for first reading. No vote is required.

Discussion and approval of bids for resurfacing roads utilizing TSPLOST funds. Mr. Thomas stated five (5) bids were received with Garrett Paving being the low of \$914,538.93. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the bid from Garrett Paving. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a LUCAS device for EMS. This equipment is a mechanical chest compression device that provides consistent chest compressions. Mr. Thomas stated one (1) bid was received from Stryker Medical. He recommended the bid for the device plus a 1- year warranty for \$16,411.18. Some funds will be used from the COVID19 grant money. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of the reappointment of Leigh Dye to the Department of Family and Children Services board. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the reappointment of Leigh Dye to the DFACS board. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts reported that General Fund revenues so far for 2020 are \$821,012 more than 2019. SPLOST revenues for April were \$184,578 and TSPLOST revenues were \$127,501 for a total of \$1,052,152.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

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