

Minutes  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, November 9, 2020

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing for the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance for Farm Wineries and for permitting and conditional uses for Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers, Mobile Home Parks and Travel Trailer Parks.

Mr. Dale Lyman addressed the board regarding Farm Wineries as he is planning to open a winery in the area. He questioned some of the stipulations in the ordinance, such as noise, sales of alcohol by the glass and bottle on the premises, and special event permits and asked the board to modify some of the stipulations.

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

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item 6) Discussion and Approval of a proposed River Outfitting Ordinance and 9) Discussion and approval of roads for the 2021 LMIG, and add 11a) Discussion and Approval of a purchase of a stretcher for EMS, and 11b) Discussion and Approval of an appointee to the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2020.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of appointment of three (3) members of the Elbert County Planning Commission for new 4-year terms: Charles Cecchini, Chris Niggel, and Cosby Smith.** Their new terms will expire on August 1, 2023. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of First Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Farm Wineries and permitting and conditional uses for Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers, Mobile Home Parks and Travel Trailer Parks.** This is for first reading only, no vote is required.

**Discussion regarding private roads in gated community subdivisions.** Mr. Daughtry stated we have been in discussions with representatives of the property owners of Sandy Landing, Newton Pointe and

Crafts Ferry Subdivisions. The discussions have led to a possibility of a Special Tax District, where the County would improve their roads and have it repaid by those taxpayers as an addition to their tax bill. The requirement is that the roads would have to be considered public roads with public access; but they want to keep their security gates.

**Discussion of concerns from KECB regarding litter and trash on county roads.** Mr. Thomas stated we have been in discussions with KECB about the continued littering. As part of an agreement with our grass-cutting contract, during the winter months they will pick up litter on certain roads as designated by Code Enforcement.

**Discussion regarding roof repairs on the Government Complex.** Mr. Thomas stated we have discussed having a new roof installed; but at this point we are trying to get more information before putting out bids for this project and will hopefully have something at the December meeting.

**Discussion and approval of a stretcher for EMS.** Mr. Thomas stated this is for a purchase of a demo model Power-Pro XT stretcher with warranty for \$13,602.34. This could be paid from the proceeds from the surplus inventory sales. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the Hospital Authority Appointee.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to terminate Mr. Max Black's appointment. The Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Mike Webb at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Jones opposing.

**Discussion regarding roof repairs at the Historical Courthouse.** Mr. Thomas stated we have contacted engineers about the courthouse belltower and how to proceed with the renovations and will hopefully have more information at the December meeting.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated General Fund expenditures are overbudget by \$24,638, and revenues are around \$161,000 more than this time last year.

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

**Executive Session.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Alexander made the motion to enter General Session, Commissioner Freeman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashworth seconded. The motion passed 5-0.