

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 5:30 PM**

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Horace Harper, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler and CFO Phil Pitts. Commissioner Freeman was absent.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add a 6a) Discussion and approval of the purchase of three (3) vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, and 6b) Discussion and approval to accept the donation of a school bus from the Board of Education. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of the Minutes of September 14, 2020 and September 16, 2020.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval of Second Reading on changes to Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Travel Trailer Parks.** The Planning Commission recommended these changes be approved. Mr. Daughtry stated these are fairly comprehensive changes and quite lengthy; They include a new section on travel trailer parks and landscaping and buffer requirements. Temporary sites for travel trailers will have to adhere to the same policies. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the changes to the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2021 LMIG road paving list to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation.** This item is tabled awaiting additional road submissions.

**Discussion and approval of the purchase of three (3) vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.** Mr. Thomas stated the Sheriff's Department turned in three (3) bids. The low bid was from Duvall in Clayton for \$32,170.01 each for a total of \$96,513.03. This will come from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval to accept the donation of a school bus from the Board of Education.** The Board of Education approached us about donating a school bus to the EMS and Fire Department to be used for training purposes in exchange for grading work behind the field house at the high school. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion to approve; Commissioner Harper seconded. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated at this point we are \$62,532 over budget mostly due to purchases of COVID supplies. SPLOST and TSPLOST funds are in good shape as is Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

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

**Executive Session.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for litigation. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion to approve and Commissioner Harper seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

Upon returning Commissioner Alexander made a motion to enter General Session; Commissioner Ashworth seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.