

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

- 1) Request from Elbert Land Project LLC to rezone 29.92 acres from A (Agricultural) to I (Industrial) located on Allen Logan Road. Mr. Clint McNeal sold this property to Elbert Land Project and spoke on their behalf. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- 2) Request from Elbert Land Project LLC to rezone 80.74 acres from Mixed Use to (Industrial) located on Allen Logan Road. Mr. Clint McNeal sold this property to Elbert Land Project and spoke on their behalf. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- 3) Request from Kieu Nguyen to rezone 1.50 acres from A (Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) located at 2518 Pulliam Mill Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request
- 4) Request from Stacy Smith to rezone .81 acres from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to RR (Rural Residential) located at 1040 Drake Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- 5) Request from Dennis Woodall and Anthony Queen to rezone 1.21 acres from GB (General Business) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) located at 1997 Old Middleton Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.

There were no public comments on these rezoning requests.

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

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Vice Chairman Jones.

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Called Meeting on September 2, 2021, Regular Meeting on September 13, 2021, and the Called Meeting on September 30, 2021. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from Elbert Land Project LLC to rezone 29.92 acres from A (Agricultural) to I (Industrial) located on Allen Logan Road. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this rezoning request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Discussion and approval of a request from Dennis Woodall and Anthony Queen to rezone 1.21 acres from GB (General Business) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) located at 1997 Old Middleton Road. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this rezoning request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion and approval of the 2023 Georgia Department of Transportation 5311 Grant for transit services. Mr. Thomas stated this is an annual grant application for the transit program. The 2023 grant amount requested is \$493,420.00 for administrative and operating services. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the 2023 GDOT 5311 Grant. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from Elbert Partners for Health to provide Drug Education and Safety to the Elbert County School system grades 2 thru 12. This is request from Alysia Poon with the Elbert Partners for Health for \$10,000 to provide a drug education and safety curriculum in the school system. These funds will come from the Drug Education fund. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Ashworth voting against the request.

Discussion and approval of bids for a compressor for the fire department which was part of the approved grant from last month. Mr. Thomas stated 2 bids were sent out to companies that provide this specific “breathing air” compressor, only 1 returned bid. Breathing Air Systems of Chattanooga, Tennessee returned a bid of \$56,005.94. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to accept this bid. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Discussion and review of cost estimates for addition to the fire station on Mahoney Drive. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to proceed with sending out bids for building estimates for the fire station addition. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated that General Fund expenditures were slightly above budget for July thru September. Revenues are low, but tax bills have not gone out yet. SPLOST and TSPLOST revenues are coming in consistently.

Executive Session. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel and litigation. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Upon returning Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Vice Chairman Jones stated no action was taken.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Adjournment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.