

**Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

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 Mr. Daughtry.

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of bids for tractors for the Road Department. Mr. Thomas stated that four (4) bids had been received (James Short Tractor, Ag-Pro Equipment, Atlantic Southern Equipment and Shumaker Equipment) and of the four (4) dealers, the Deutz tractors from Shumaker Equipment were the ones without the regen equipment, that causes a lot of down time according to Road Superintendent Kris Williams. It is his recommendation to go with the bid of \$144,000 for two (2) tractors from Shumaker Equipment in Athens. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the bid from Shumaker Equipment. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session for Personnel. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning, Commissioner Harper made a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Vaughn stated that three (3) candidates had turned in applications for the position of County Administrator, Phil Pitts, Allen Hulme, and Carter Edge. He asked for a motion to make a recommendation for the position of County Administrator. Commissioner Harper made a motion to hire Carter Edge. There was no second to the motion. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to hire Phil Pitts. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments. There were no public comments; but Linton Johnson, with WSGC Radio, asked when Mr. Pitts would become the official County Administrator. Chairman Vaughn stated he would have to stay in his role of Finance Director until a replacement was hired; and he would have to work closely with Mr. Thomas during this process. No "set" date has been determined.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.