

**Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
January 10,2022**

Request from Imagine Construction to rezone property at 1500 Brewers Bridge Road from GB to A. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this rezone request. There were public comments.

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

After the pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

Adoption of the Agenda. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item (5) Request from Robert and Sanden Brager to name a private road, and replace with Discussion and approval of a request from the City of Bowman for help with fencing. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to amend the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of December 13 ,2021 and December 20, 2021. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from Betty Jo Maxwell with the City of Bowman to help with fencing. Mr. Pitts stated the fencing at the "Auction House" in Bowman blocks off the back side of the property and they do not have access to the back of the building. Quotes from A&T Fence Company range from \$2200 to \$2300; therefore, he recommends to approve \$2300 to move the fence and make the area accessible. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the request of \$2300. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from Imagine Construction to rezone property at 1500 Brewers Bridge Road (the former Red Minnow Restaurant) from GB to A. Mr. Pitts stated the request is to "cut out" a piece of the property of the former Red Minnow Restaurant and leaving the rest as Agriculture. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this application. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Request from Shanna Willis to address the board concerning Haley Lane. Ms. Willis stated she just wanted to make sure the process was kept going.

Discussion and approval to name the road next to Haley Lane, Romney Lane. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the road name of Romney Lane as requested by Shanna Willis and family. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to replace Vice Chairman for 2022 to District 1 Commissioner, Horace Harper. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Horace Harper as the 2022 Vice Chairman. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution establishing the 2022 qualifying fees. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the 2022 Qualifying Fees. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Second Reading of an Ordinance titled "Alcoholic Beverages" clarifying the maximum alcohol license fees that may be charged certain wholesalers and applicants who sell alcoholic beverages solely on certain state-owned properties to be consistent with state law. Mr. Daughtry stated we can only charge wholesalers delivering to Elbert County \$100 per year, and cannot charge businesses selling alcohol on state owned property such as a golf course. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve changes to the "Alcoholic Beverages" ordinance. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Second Reading of a revision of Chapter 10, Article III of the Code of Ordinances regarding Rabies Control of animals. The state has requested that we revise these regulations to be in compliance with the revisions made by the state. Mr. Daughtry stated this was requested by the State Health Department to be consistent with other counties. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the revision of the "Rabies Control of Animals" ordinance. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids on LMIG paving projects. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the low bid from Stratton and Sons Paving for \$1,546,240.98. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids on turn-out gear for the County Fire Department. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the low bid from Firemaster for \$1,385.00 per set. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Approval of the lease agreement for the motor grader at the Road Department. Term due date of the lease is March 18,2022. Mr. Pitts stated after talking to Kris Williams, Road Department Superintendent, he recommends turning in the existing equipment and trying out other equipment. Mr. Pitts asked for approval to advertise for bids for leasing equipment similar to what we had. Chairman Vaughn stated the vote is to approve turning in the existing motor grader and to grant Mr. Pitts approval to seek bids. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve seeking bids for leased equipment. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated we are under budget as of now. SPLOST and TSPLOST funds are in good shape as is the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

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Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter Executive Session for litigation. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

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