

Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 14, 2022

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- 3) Zoning case file 059A 003G: by Sandy Landing LLC for a plat approval. Located at Hornets Bridge Dr. Elberton, GA 30635. Map: 059A Parcel: 003G. **Recommended Approval by Planning and Zoning.** Edward Davis, hired by Sandy Landing LLC to handle the sell of the lots gave some background information regarding this request.
- 4) Zoning case file 085 030A: by Keith Metcalf from RR-Rural Residential to R1-Single Family Residential. This request is to allow for the home to be split from the rest of the parcel. Located at 2254 Bobby Brown State Park Rd. Elberton, GA 30635. Map: 085 Parcel: 030A. **Recommended Approval by Planning and Zoning.** No public comments.
- 5) Zoning case file 027 011A: by Mark Dean to rezone 1.5-acres from A-Agricultural to R1-Single Family Residential. This request is to allow for an additional mobile home to be placed on property. Located at 2801 Twin Line Rd. Dewy Rose, GA 30634. Map: 027 Parcel: 011A. **Recommended Approval by Planning and Zoning.** Mark Dean, owner of the property spoke. No other public comments.
- 6) Zoning case file 044 110D: by Danny Huff to rezone parcel from A-Agricultural to RR-Rural Residential and R1-Single Family Residential. They are dividing parcel into three tracts. Located behind 2130 Indian Hill Rd. Elberton, GA 30635. Map: 044 Parcel: 110D. **Recommended Approval by Planning and Zoning.** No public comments.
- 7) Zoning case file 008 014: by Gander Mattox to rezone 5-Acres from A-Agricultural to RR-Rural Residential. This rezone request is to allow for a home to be built on property. Located at: 2940 Sand Hill Rd. Bowman, GA 30624. Map: 008 Parcel: 014. **Recommended Approval by Planning and Zoning.** No public comments.

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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, CFO Macie Witcher, 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 items 20 and 25 from the agenda until further notice. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of January 7, 2022 and January 28, 2022. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the creation and structure of a Board of Elections and Registration.

Presentation by Judge Stephanie Hewell. Mr. Pitts stated he and Melissa Shead, Chief Registrar and Stephanie Hewell, Probate Judge discussed the creation of the Board and spent a lot of time looking at surrounding counties. Mr. Daughtry also read the Resolution that requests Mr. Robert Leverette to introduce in the General Assembly a bill to provide for the creation of a Board of Elections and Registration for Elbert County. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the creation of a Board of Elections and Registration. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Recognition of Keep Elbert County Beautiful by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation along with its state and national partners, The Georgia Department of Community Affairs and Keep America Beautiful for their exemplary work. Mr. Pitts read the letter from the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation honoring the great work of Keep Elbert County Beautiful. Mrs. Pam Algood from KECB, gave

a short presentation of the granite “feather” that has been placed at the entrance of the Chamber of Commerce/Civic Center and other projects for tourism.

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Discussion and approval to reappoint Matt Easom as Public Defender for Elbert County State Court for the 2022 calendar year at the same current rate of \$1,250 per month. (This item was inadvertently left off the January agenda to approve). Mr. Daughtry stated that this is the same rate he agreed to last year and have heard nothing but good things from court officials about his performance as State Court Public Defender. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this reappointment. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution of the Comprehensive Plan Update for Elbert County. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Update. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for 2022 T-SPLOST Paving projects. Mr. Pitts stated three (3) bids were received with Stratton and Sons submitting the low bid of \$1,771,801; therefore; he recommends approval of Stratton and Sons for the 2022 paving projects. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a new rotary cutter for the Airport. Mr. Pitts stated two (2) bids were received with Bailey Farm Equipment submitting the low bid of \$19,997.43; therefore, he recommends approval of the purchase from Bailey Farm Equipment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Mr. Pitts recommendation. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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Discussion and approval of bids for the lease of a new motor grader for the Road Department. Mr. Pitts stated two (2) bids were received with Flint Equipment submitting the low bid of a 36-month lease for a motor grader (with steering wheel) for \$3741.56 per month with a purchase option at the end of the lease for \$137,901.72. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the lease from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the purchase of a Scout audio bridge from Mobile Communications for \$3959. Funds to come from the ARPA fund. Mr. Pitts stated this is for the purchase of a Scout Audio Bridge (computer patch license and site license for dispatching fire department analog to digital), from Mobile Communications for \$3959 from the ARPA funds. He recommends approval of this purchase. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of two (2) Power Pro stretchers from Stryker Medical for \$34,395.40. Funds to come from ARPA fund. Mr. Pitts stated this is for the purchase of two (2) Power Pro Stretchers from Stryker Medical for \$34,395.40 from the ARPA funds. He recommends approval of this purchase. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to surplus five (5) MX-Pro manual Stryker stretchers, five (5) Ferno stair chair devices and two (2) Ferno manual EMS stretchers. Mr. Pitts stated this is a request from Mr. Chuck Almond to surplus five (5) manual Stryker stretchers, five (5) Ferno stair chair devices and two (2) Ferno manual stretchers. The sales of the surplus will offset the purchase of a demo stretcher. Mr. Pitts recommended approval of this request. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the surplus. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the updated Pharmacy and Supplies agreement between EMS and Elbert Memorial Hospital. Mr. Daughtry stated the updates are basically the same agreement between EMS and Elbert Memorial Hospital, procuring drugs, IV's and linens and other supplies at cost plus 5%. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval regarding signatures on ECBOC checks. Mr. Pitts stated Chairman Vaughn recommended that the two (2) signatures on the checks should be the Chairman and Finance Director; instead of changing every year from the Chairman and the rotating Vice Chairman. In addition, The Chairman, Finance Director and County Administrator will have access to bank accounts. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher reported that the General Fund expenditures are under budget at this time. Sales tax revenues are a little more than predicted through January and property taxes are a little less than predicted. T-SPLOST and SPLOST funds as well as Hotel/Motel Tax funds are in good shape.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

