

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

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- 2) A request by Melody Danals for a rezone of approximately 1.8-acres to be rezoned from A (Agriculture) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) to allow for a home to be built on a new parcel located at 1277 Crestview Drive, Elberton, GA. Map 041, Parcel 003C. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**
- 3) A request by Joyce Davis for a rezone of 2.66-acres to be rezoned from R1 (Single Family Residential) to A (Agricultural) to allow for the acreage to be combined with neighboring property located at 1106 Grady Cleveland Road, Elberton, GA. Map 032D, Parcel 010. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**
- 4) A request by Randy Long for a rezone of 5.6-acres to be rezoned from A (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). This request is to cut out the current house and allow for a new home to be built on the remaining parcel. Located at 2132 Pulliam Mill Road, Dewy Rose, Ga. Map 020, Parcel 048. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**
- 5) A request by Josh Mattox for a rezone of 4.57 acres from A (Agricultural) to R1 (Single Family Residential). This request is also for a variance to allow horses on the property. Located on Anderson Hwy., Elberton, GA. Map 039, Parcel 082. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**
- 6) A request by Edward Wysong for a rezone of 2.217 acres from A (Agricultural) to R1 (Single Family Residential) to allow the home to be cut out and sold. Located at 2969 Green Acres Road, Elberton, GA. Map 048, Parcel 042. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**
- 7) A request by Amy Yeargin for a rezone of 3.655 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to R1 (Single Family Residential) to allow for a home to be placed on new parcel. Located at 1957 Hartwell Hwy., Elberton, GA. Map 029, Parcel 017. **Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this request.**

There were no public comments on any of the above rezoning request.

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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 Mr. Daughtry

Adoption of the Agenda. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to add an Executive after Public Comments and 15a) Discussion and Approval of reappoints to the Library Board. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of February 14, 2022. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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Mason Gomez to address the Board to discuss ongoing events at Timber Falls 4x4 Park. Mason Gomez was not in attendance, but did speak at the work session in regards to events still going on at Timber Falls 4x4 Park and harassment.

Discussion and approval of the purchase of a new ambulance. Mr. Pitts stated there are delays in receiving ambulances that are ordered now. This request is for the purchase of an ambulance that may not be delivered until 2023 or 2024; but the order needs to be placed now. The proposal is for a 2023 – 2024 Ford F350 Tomahawk ambulance from Emergency Vehicle Sales for \$227,000 (maximum price). Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the purchase of the ambulance. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to set up a separate line item in the County's General Expenditures budget for moving costs incurred by the County Extension Service and 4-H program. Mr. Pitts stated this will be an estimated amount for the cost incurred by moving the County Extension and 4-H program to the Blackwell school facility. The estimated expenditure amount will be \$2000. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve adding this line item to the budget. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request by Jimmy White of the Jim-Ree Museum for \$2000 to help defray the cost of their annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 – 19, 2022. Chairman Vaughn stated the Hotel/Motel tax fund has increased over the past couple of years; therefore; we are able to give more to local tourism events. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve giving \$2000 to the Jim-Ree Museum. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the Reappointments of Susan Fricks and Rita Harper to the Library Board. Both are 3-year terms with Rita Harper's term ending December 31, 2024 and Susan Fricks term ending July 1, 2023 (This reappointment was overlooked in 2020). Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the reappointments. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher stated General Fund expenditures are under budget thru February. Revenues, TSPLOST and SPLOST are in good shape.

Public Comments. Mr. Jimmy White thanked the Board for their support of the Jim Ree Museum.

Executive Session. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for litigation and personnel. Commissioner Freeman made the motion and Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

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