

Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 11, 2022

- 1) Discussion and approval of a request by Robert Paul, Sr., to rezone from A (Agricultural) to I (Industrial). Located at Brewers Bridge Rd, Elberton. Map: 031, parcel: 001. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this application. There were no comments.
- 2) Discussion and approval of a request by Jacob Baker to rezone from A (Agricultural) to R1 (Single Family Residential) located at Pine Needle Ln, Elberton. Map: 042, parcel: 002B. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of this application. There were no comments.
- 3) Discussion and approval to amend Zoning Code Chapter 11, which will allow Planning and Zoning staff to approve specific rezone applications. Planning and Zoning recommended an application fee of \$300 for these applications. Mr. Daughtry stated whenever there is a size variation it has to go thru the entire process of Planning and Zoning, public hearings, etc. Some have complained about the length of time it takes to go thru the process, therefore, the proposal states if it is solely for land size restrictions or where a property will take on a more restrictive zoning classification, then a decision can be made by the staff of the Code Enforcement office. In such situations, the staff would also contact the Commissioner in the district the property is in.
There were no comments.

Minutes
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Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order, Present were Chairman Vaughn, 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, media.

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 amend the agenda to add:

- 5b) Mr. Wayne Ward with the Historical Society to speak to the Board
- 5c) Discussion and approval of an agreement between Elbert County and the Chamber of Commerce
- 5d) Discussion and approval of an amendment to the Public Defender's Indigent Defense Agreement
- 5e) Discussion and approval of real estate to surplus and the terms thereof
- 16b) Executive Session to discuss disposal of county property

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of June 1st, June 13th, June 22nd and June 29th. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Kathleen Bowen with ACCG to present Representative Rob Leverette with the 2022 ACCG Legislative Service Award. Ms. Bowen stated Mr. Leverette was extremely helpful in passing legislation for TSPLOST and is grateful for his efforts in getting this legislation passed. He does a great job in representing Elbert County.

Mr. Wayne Ward representing the Historical Society addressed the Board asking for support in updating the County's history. The last book written covered years 1790- 1935. Mr. Ray Chandler is willing to take on the task of updating the history of Elbert County. They are not asking for monetary support; but for support in encouraging residents, churches, etc. to cooperate in this endeavor. Chairman Vaughn stated this will be voted on at the next meeting in August.

Discussion and approval of a contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Daughtry stated every year the Department of Revenue requires us to enter into a contract with the Chamber of Commerce that is tied in with the Hotel/Motel tax and sets forth tourism services that the Chamber will provide for us in exchange for a portion of the revenue from the hotel/motel tax collections. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of the amendment to the Public Defender's budget. Mr. Daughtry stated that at the last meeting, the budget was approved for \$66,471 annually, but it was not unanimously approved by all five (5) counties. The Public Defenders office is sitting on a very significant reserve fund which \$90,000 will be used for budget increases. The amended amount for Elbert County is \$54,874 annually. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the amendment to the Public Defender's budget for Indigent Defense. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of the sale of surplus real estate that includes the old 4-H building on Cloverleaf Drive and the old Health Department building on Church Street that is co-owned by the City of Elberton. Chairman Vaughn asked that sealed bids be submitted and to place a minimum bid requirement on each property. The minimum bid for the 4-H building is set at \$100,000. The minimum bid for the 3.88-acre tract located near the 4-H building is set at \$30,000, and the minimum bid for the old Health Department building is set at \$5,000. Commissioner Alexander commented on the tenants that are renting the old 4-H building. Mr. Daughtry stated we are required to give a 60-day notice, but we can go ahead and sell the property with the provision that the current lease be honored. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the terms of the sale of surplus real estate. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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a motion to approve this rezone request. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Discussion and approval of a request by Rebecca Holliday with the Chamber of Commerce to help fund the fireworks for the upcoming Car Show on July 16th. Funds will come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the donation of \$1,500. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of a Line of Credit with Northeast Georgia Bank.

Linda Lloyd with EJC (Economic Justice Coalition) to address the Board to discuss ARPA funding. This request was made by Mr. Herbert Gaines

Mr. John Clark to address the Board regarding the paving of roads in Bowman.

Discussion and approval on bids for a plumbing contractor for the new fire department building.

-Discussion and approval for a 35-ton heating and air unit for the gym at the Senior Center.

Finance Report

Public Comments

Adjournment