

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 10, 2023**

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- 2) Discussion and approval of a request by Gina Maxwell to rezone 7.6 acres from A (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). Located at 2459 Barton Rd., Bowman, GA. Map and Parcel 001 067A. In addition, this request is for a variance to allow for chicken houses setbacks to be reduced to 200 feet to residential zoned property. Planning and Zoning approved by 5-0 vote.
- 3) Discussion and approval of a request by Berlie House to rezone 5.66 acres from A (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). Located at 1631 Craft Rd., Elberton, GA. Map and Parcel 047 030. Planning and Zoning approved by 5-0 vote.
- 4) Discussion and approval of a request by Verna Napier to rezone 2.38 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to R1 (Single Family Residential). Located at 2986 Cherokee Rd., Elberton, GA. Map and Parcel 073 044E. Planning and Zoning approved by 5-0 vote. Ms. Napier stated the reason of this request.

There were no public comments.

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Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner David Hunt, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Mike Scoggins, Commissioner Freddie Jones, Interim County Administrator Allen Hulme, CFO Macie Witcher, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler and media.

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 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of March 13, 2023. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 13, 2023. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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Planning and Zoning approved by 5-0 vote. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve this rezone request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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Discussion and approval of an application for a Beer & Wine license by Karim Hussian, owner of 2379 A&K Enterprises, LLC. Located at 2379 Calhoun Falls Hwy., Elberton, GA. He is a new applicant in Elbert County. Background check was approved and all taxes are current. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve this application. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for airport repairs. This is a contract with GDOT for paving improvements to the runway, taxiway. The first phase is the AIP- with federal funds of \$2,659,315, state funds of \$8,333 and Elbert County funding \$8,333. The second phase is the AIG- with federal funds of \$304,000, state funds of \$218,659 and Elbert County funding \$84,145. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve this contract with GDOT. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a grant contract with approved non-profits for the committed ARPA funds and LATCF. Mr. Hulme has received 4 of the 6 proposed budgets for the non-profit groups. Two of the four groups have listed small administrative cost in their budgets and also service delivery which wasn't in the approved cost, but is considered a need. Chairman Vaughn asked Mr. Hulme to look into the administrative cost that was proposed and use his best judgement to determine if they are legitimate. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to approve the grant contract for the four groups that have turned in their proposed budgets. Commissioner Scoggins made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed 5-0.

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Discussion and approval to add Zero Road into the county-maintained road system. Mr. Daughtry stated that Title 36 of our Code of Ordinances does not allow to add a road into the county road system unless it is already part of the inventory or on an approved sub-division plat that has been paved to DOT specifications and has been in use for at least 1 year and shown to be free of poor workmanship. Zero Road is not part of our road inventory, nor has it been paved. Mr. Daughtry went on to say that in order to add the road we would have to amend our Code of Ordinances or come up with standards for gravel roads. The current ordinance has been in place since 1993. There was no motion made to add Zero Road to the road inventory.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher stated General Fund is still under budget at this time. SPLOST and TSPLOST funds are in good shape and also the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

Executive Session. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session; seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated that Mr. Allen Hulme has accepted the position of County Administrator.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Adjournment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed unanimously.