

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

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- 3) Discussion and approval of a request by Daniel Brown to rezone 3.16 acres from R1 (Single Family Residential) to GB (General Business). This request is to allow storage buildings to be built on the property. Located on Calhoun Falls Hwy, Elberton, GA. Map & Parcel # 073 066. Planning and Zoning approved by a 5-0 vote. Daniel Brown was in attendance and restated the reason for this request. There were no other comments.
- 4) Discussion and approval of a request by Tammy Baker for a Conditional Use permit to allow two campers to be in use on the property. Located at 2165 Ruckersville Rd., Elberton, GA. Map & Parcel # 051 040B. Planning and Zoning approved by a 5-0 vote. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were in attendance and restated their reason for this request. There were no other comments.

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

After the pledge to the flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.

Adoption of the Agenda. Vice Chairman Alexander asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 11a) Darren Scarborough to address the board regarding the purchase of new patrol cars. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Scoggins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of June 12, 2023 and June 29, 2023. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Discussion and approval of sealed bids for sealcoating and restriping the parking lot at McWilliams Park and at the tennis courts. Mr. Bobby Howell stated the low bid was from A & A Concrete, that came in at \$28,440; a good bit less than the other bids. Mr. Howell did contact the owner because of the difference in price, but was assured he would be doing the same work as the other bidders and gave references in which Mr. Howell did contact. Mr. Howell did suggest to have a contract specifying the cracks that should be done at close to 16,000 linear feet. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the low bid from A & A Concrete, with the conditions that Mr. Howell suggested Commissioner Scoggins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of the annual Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for distribution of hotel-motel tax. Mr. Daughtry stated Georgia Law requires that for us to collect Hotel/Motel tax, we have to have a contract with the Non-Profit to provide tourism services; so, this is the annual contract with the Chamber of Commerce; no changes from last year. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement on TSPLOST and a Resolution calling for a TSPLOST Election. Mr. Daughtry stated this is two (2) separate Resolutions:

- 1) Discussion and approval of an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for the continuation of the TSPLOST that we've had for the last 4-1/2 years, and will put before the voters in November to continue the same terms with Elbert County receiving 73% of total proceeds, City of Elberton receiving 23% of total proceeds and the City of Bowman receiving 4% of the total proceeds. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the IGA. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- 2) Discussion and approval of a Resolution calling for a TSPLOST Referendum Election in November 7th, 2023. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Darren Scarborough to address the board regarding the purchase of new patrol cars. Mr. Scarborough stated with the ARPA funds that was previously approved; two (2) Dodge Durango's were ordered in December, 2022 with a ship date of August 12th. At that time, Fords were not available, therefore the Dodge's were ordered. He was informed that Wade Ford in Smyrna has 60 Ford Explorers on their lot now and is the color that they want. Two (2) cars, fully equipped will cost approximately \$106,180. He's requesting to use SPLOST funds. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to table this under further discussion. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1 with Commission Hunt opposing.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher stated General Fund expenditures are under budget thru June. General Fund revenues appear to be up compared to June of 2022, but \$1.7 million of that is excess SPLOST proceeds. SPLOST, TSPLOST and Hotel/Motel funds are in good shape.

Public Comments. Rina Thomas asked what a special election would cost. Mr. Daughtry said that he had talked to Chief Registrar, Melissa Shead; but did not have a definitive answer. Bowman and Elberton share in the cost of holding the special election. She also asked how many miles of roads have been paved and if there was a list of priorities. She asked if the special election in November could be held along with the primary in March 2024 and the General Election in May 2024.

Adjournment. Commission Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously.