

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2013

A Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to give the public an opportunity to make comments or suggestions on the FY2014 Budget for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chair Horace Harper, Commissioner Harold Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Judy Vaughn, County CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Chairman Lyon.

Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lyon then asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve adding an Executive Session to today's meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting on May 13th, 2013. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion Carried 5-0.

Second Reading and approval of an ordinance requiring all property taxes to be paid current on the location of any business before applying for an alcoholic beverage license. Bill Daughtry, County Attorney, read the ordinance once again. The purpose of this ordinance is to make sure that before we issue an alcoholic beverage license to any business, that all property taxes on that business must be current. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Residents from Bellew Drive to come before the Board regarding speed bumps on the road. The residents of Bellew Drive have mixed feelings about the speed bumps already installed on their road. Deborah Bryant wants them removed, because she feels they will slow down an ambulance if it is called for her husband, who is ill. Also, she feels they are a nuisance. James Bryant feels the opposite. He is glad that the speed bumps slow down the traffic. That was the purpose of them in the first place. He wants them to stay, because there are children that live on Bellew Drive, and he feels it is a little safer for them. The County Administrator Bob Thomas suggested lowering the speed limit and having the Sheriff's Dept. patrol more in that area.

District Attorney Parks White to address the Board regarding the District Attorney's FY2014 Budget.

Mr. White is asking to double his appropriation from the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Lyon stated that for many reasons he does not see how Elbert County can meet his request at this time. He informed Mr. White that Elbert County employees have not had an across the board raise in more than five years. However, their insurance and retirement have increased significantly. The tax digest is down, as is SPLOST and LOST. Our EMS has had to write off debts, because people cannot pay. Chairman Lyon again stated that we just cannot come up with more money at this time, but we will continue to review the request as we revise the proposed budget.

Public Defender Harvey Wasserman to appear before the Board regarding the Public Defender Budget for FY2014. Elbert County's portion to the Public Defender's budget has actually gone down from last year – from \$84,193.00 to \$80,804.25. This is due to fewer cases in Elbert County. He has hired a new employee at entry level salary, and one position has gone from full time to part time. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the budget request from the Public Defender's office. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Presentation of a resolution congratulating Pat Anderson on being named "Clerk of the Year" for the state of Georgia. Pat was not present, but Mr. Thomas read the resolution. Elbert County is very proud of Pat for her achievements in her position. It is truly an honor to receive this type of recognition by your peers.

Review and approval of a bid for back hoe tractor for the Road Department to be paid for with SPLOST funds. We received four bids from our mail out for a back hoe. Plans are to trade in the Komatsu that we currently have. The bids were as listed below:

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| 1) Flint Equipment (John Deere) | \$53,520 @\$1,574.35/mo. |
| 2) ASC (Volvo) | \$52,250 @\$2,300.67/mo. |
| 3) Border Equip.(Case) | \$59,453 @\$1,732.00/mo. |
| 4) Yancey Bros.(Cat) | \$57,157 @\$978.00/mo. |

(**With Flint Equipment, there is the option for a \$1 buy-out at the end of the three year lease.)

Mr. Thomas recommends going with the John Deere from Flint Equipment, largely because of the \$1 buy out at the end of the lease. Also, we have other John Deere equipment, and the Road Dept. is already familiar with John Deere. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase the John Deere from Flint Equipment. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Alexander against.

Approval of roads for FY 2014 LMIG Funding from Georgia Department of Transportation. We started with this program last year. We received \$456,000, and we anticipate receiving the same amount for this year. The deadline for accepting this funding is July 1st. There are a couple of commissioners that have not turned in a road list to Mr. Thomas. There can be no action taken until the list is complete.

Approval of surplus vehicles to be advertised on GovDeals.com. The vehicles declared surplus are all driveable. We are asking for approval to advertise them on GovDeals.com. The three vehicles are listed below:

- 1) 1981 Ford F350 Tool Body Truck - Vin No. 1FDJP3781BNA29774
- 2) 1994 Buick Century - Vin No. 1G4AG55MXR6470714
- 3) 1995 Chevy Blazer - Vin No. 1GNDDT13W9SK234263

The vehicles can be seen at the Road Department. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve advertising these vehicles on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approval of FY 2014 Budget for Elbert County. This item will be tabled until the budget is complete.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. Every year we have two months that have three payrolls. We had three in May, which caused May to be over in salaries. Other than that, we are under budget .06% at this time.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into General Session. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.