

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.**

This Public Hearing was held in order to get any concerns from citizens of Elbert County on the rezoning of 1187 Plantation Road from Rural Residential to General Business. There were no citizens of Elbert County in attendance at this Public Hearing to express any concerns.

**MINUTES  
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 - 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chair Horace Harper, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Alexander, Commissioner Ashworth, Commissioner 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 Commissioner Ashworth.

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

**Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Rev. John Barnett to speak to the Board about the Granite City Cook-Off.** Rev. Barnett called Mr. Thomas prior to the meeting and said that he is out of town and will not be at the meeting. His purpose for being on the agenda was to express his appreciation to the Commission Board for their help with the cook-off. Each year it is getting bigger, and this year was a great success.

**Recognition of “Keep Elbert County Beautiful Program” as a Certified Chapter of the Keep America Beautiful National Program.** Mr. Thomas informed the Board that twelve volunteers had put in about two hundred hours towards this certification. They by-laws were passed, and they were awarded certification last week. Also, Commissioners Harper and Reynolds played a part in getting the program started. We really appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this project.

**“Recycling Happy Hour” sponsored by the KECB Program to be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Elberton Recycling Center on MLK Boulevard.** This will be a kind of “kick off” for KEB as they will be sponsoring this event. It will give citizens an opportunity to get rid of some of those hard to recycle items. There will be volunteers there to help you unload your vehicle, and soft drinks will be provided for the recyclers.

**Dan Walker and Wayne Tuck of Walker and Associates to present the draft report of the 2013 Elbert County Audit.** Wayne Tuck gave the presentation to the Board. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the company to have the opportunity to perform the audit for Elbert County. He is especially

thankful to be able to present it so early. Mr. Tuck gave a lot of thanks to Phil Pitts for his help in making it possible to be finished this early. He noted that our cash in up over \$97,000, and liabilities are down around \$4,000. The General Fund shows a decrease in the Fund Balance as two annual pension payments were made this year, which caused the numbers to go up. Solid Waste is still showing an operations loss, but it is less than last year.

**Discussion and approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Elberton, Elbert County and the Elbert County BOE to assist in the demolition of the old Hawes Center Building on Mill Street.** This building is in serious disrepair. It is a safety hazard and an eyesore. All will benefit from it coming down. This demolition has already been approved by the City of Elberton at their monthly meeting. The first job will be to remove the asbestos. The Board of Education will be responsible for the asbestos removal and for the tipping fees at the Transfer Station. Any salvage proceeds will be split between the BOE and Elbert County. The City of Elberton will supply two drivers and trucks. Elbert County will supply two to six employees (will vary each day how many is needed) and needed equipment. Some of the County's cost will be offset by the tipping fees and salvage proceeds. County Administrator Bob Thomas thinks this project should be complete by February, 2014. He stated that it is important for the County, City and BOE to work together to get much needed jobs done. There will be other projects in the future that; hopefully, we will come together again to get them completed. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Elberton and the Board of Education. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Alexander against.

**Approval of the re-appointment of Ed Shive to the Board of Assessors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2014.** Mr. Shive has agreed to continue serving on the Board of Assessors. The terms for the three member board are staggered. This approval will be by a resolution. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the resolution re-appointing Mr. Shive to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a contract with DOT for the purchase of 0.65 acres on Crosstie Drive adjacent to the Elbert County Airport. The project is for \$28,548 of Federal funds, \$751 of State funds and \$751 of local funds.** This contract is for the runway extension. We purchased eight properties and houses to extend the runway. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the contract with DOT. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of rezoning 3.679 acres at 1187 Plantation Road from RR (Rural Residential) to GB (General Business). Recommendation from the Planning Commission is to approve the rezoning with special conditions.** A Public Hearing was held today prior to the Commission Meeting for the purpose of allowing anyone a chance to speak on this change in zoning. The Planning Commission is in approval of this rezoning with two conditions, listed below.

- 1) If the property is sold or changes ownership the 3.679 acres reverts back to RR
- 2) Hours of Operation will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. No Sunday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter or Fourth of July operation.

On Item 1 the Commission Board wants to change that to read that in the event of the owner's death, and a family member wants to continue the business, it will remain the same. With this change in the conditions set by the Planning Commission, Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the rezoning at 1187 Plantation Road from RR to GB. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of an Elbert County Mass Fatality Plan.** This plan is required by the State for every EMS department. This is in the event of a mass fatality of any type. "Mass" is defined as the number that exceeds what your county can handle. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the

Elbert County Mass Fatality Plan. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of a trauma equipment grant from the Georgia Trauma Commission in the amount of \$7,163.95.** These funds will be for the purchase of required equipment for the ambulances. We have to purchase the equipment first and then be reimbursed. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the trauma equipment grant. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of an uncompensated care grant from the Georgia Trauma Commission in the amount of \$4,387.10.** This grant is similar to the trauma equipment grant in that we are being reimbursed this amount for care that we have already provided; care that we were not compensated for. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the uncompensated care grant. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of the following 2014 Beer and Wine Licenses for Elbert County:**

**72 Marine Sales  
Ingles Markets, #65  
Jasica, Inc. (Pyramid Petro)  
Leon Farmer & Co. (wholesale)  
Stop and Shop Food Mart, Bowman  
Sandbar, Inc.**

County Administrator Bob Thomas asked that we remove Sandbar, Inc. from the list until the December meeting, as they have not met all the requirements. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the 2014 Beer and Wine Licenses for all business with the exception of Sandbar, Inc. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Financial Report given by CFO Phil Pitts.** Mr. Pitts noted to the Board that he has designed a different format for their reports. He is attempting to make the report easier for the department heads to work with more smoothly. E-911 is doing well right now. We received \$37,664 in wireless money this year, which is more than last year. Solid Waste continues to have a slight loss. SPLOST still owes \$435,561, which should be paid in about eleven more months. When we get that taken care of we need to do more road work.

**Public comments on agenda items.** No comments.

**Executive Session for litigation.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

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