

There was a Public Hearing held on Monday, November 14th, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. for presentation and review of the PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation) Plan. This hearing was required as a process in getting the PDM Plan for Elbert County approved.

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2011

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

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Bill Daughtry.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting October 17th, and Executive Session Minutes for October 17th, 2011. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Jerry Clontz to speak to the Commission regarding the "Save Our Lakes" organization. Mr. Clontz did not show up for the meeting.

Approval of revised schedule for incentives for Hailo Corporation. As Anna Grant Jones explained to the Commission, the value of the PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) does not change, and the number of years of tax abatement remains at seven (7). The revision is in the timing structure. As they are immediately purchasing \$3,000,000 worth of equipment and expect to invest the remaining \$7,000,000 in 2013, the company will not receive the benefit of the PILT on the entire \$10,000,000 investment under the current schedule. They wish to keep Schedule A the same and add the additional equipment purchase in the amount of \$7,000,000 to Schedule B. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to accept this request for a revised schedule of tax abatement. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a resolution to change all public sales of property to the Elbert County Courthouse steps at 12 South Oliver Street. County Attorney Bill Daughtry explained to the Board, that property sales (on foreclosures) are currently being held at 45 Forest Avenue, the Elbert County Government Complex. These sales have always been done on the steps of the courthouse where the levy was made. During construction at the Courthouse in 2005, the Superior Court Judge asked if these sales could be held at 45 Forest Avenue. The construction has been completed, and the Board of Commissioners wishes that the site of such sales go back to the Courthouse at 12 South Oliver Street. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve changing the site of property sales back to 12 South Oliver

Street effective January 1st, 2012. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Tax Anticipation Note proposal for January, 2012 – December, 2012. Elbert County CFO informed the Board that he sent out letters requesting proposals for a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$3,000,000. Elberton Federal Savings and Loan could not give a proposal. Three other banking institutions responded to his request with the following:

Regions Bank	Rate of 2.45% - Not fixed.
Pinnacle Bank	Offers the SWEEP Account at a rate of 2.99%
Northeast Georgia	Offers the SWEEP Account at a rate of 2.45%

Mr. Pitts stated that the SWEEP Account has been working well for the BOC. Since Northeast Georgia Bank can now offer the SWEEP Account at the lowest rate of 2.49% fixed, he recommends going with Northeast Georgia Bank. Commissioner Harper made a motion that we approve Mr. Pitts recommendation to accept the proposal from Northeast Georgia Bank. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to allow Associated Credit Union (Norcross, GA) to partner with County employees for Credit Union Services (voluntary basis only). Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pitts have already met with a representative from Associated Credit Union. This service will benefit employees, and there is no cost to the county. They offer a lower percentage on loans, and a higher percentage on savings. A representative from Associated Credit Union will be here on November 30th, 2011, to meet with interested employees. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to approve a partnership with Associated Credit Union for employees. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of speed limit changes on certain county roads. County Administrator Bob Thomas has given the commissioners a list of the proposed roads and changes to look over. (LISTED BELOW) Elbert County is participating in a "Safety Striping Program", which requires us to do speed limit checks and radar checks on county roads. We have to adopt these speed limits to continue with the program. He also asked commissioners to add Sam Tate Road with a speed limit of 50 MPH to the existing list. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept the speed limit changes on the proposed roads. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED ROAD CHANGES:

ROAD NAME LIMIT	LOCATION	CURRENT LIMIT	PROPOSED
Balchin Road	FR. SR 72 to River Rd.	55 MPH	50 MPH
Double Bridges Rd.	FR. SR368 to Double Br. Rd.	55 MPH	50 MPH
Harpers Ferry Rd.	Ruckersville to Pearl Mill	55 MPH	35 MPH
Hester Rd.	FR. SR 79 to Balchin Rd.	None Posted	45 MPH
Middleton Church Rd	FR. SR 72 to RR Track	45 MPH	35 MPH
Middleton Church Rd	FR. RR Track to Pearl Mill	45 MPH	45 MPH
Old Middleton Rd.	FR. SR 17 to 850' E. of RR Track	None Posted	35 MPH
Old Middleton Rd.	FR. 850' E. of RR Track to 1950' past RR Track	55 MPH	45 MPH
Old Middleton Rd.	FR. 1950' past RR Track to	55 MPH	55 MPH

	One-half mi. east of Middleton Church Rd.		
Old Middleton Rd.	FR. one-half mi. east of Middleton Church Rd. to SR 72	55 MPH	45 MPH
Parhamtown Rd.	FR. SR 172 to County Line	55 MPH	55 MPH
River Road	FR. SR 77 to Sam Tate Rd.	35/45 MPH	45 MPH
Seymour Rd.	FR. Deep Creek to end of pavement	None Posted	45 MPH
William Smith Rd.	FR. SR 368 to end of pavement	None Posted	45 MPH

Approval to allow Little League Baseball to construct a batting cage at McWilliams Park at their expense. Members of the Little League Board have approached our Rec Director Greg Johnson for approval to construct an enclosed batting cage at McWilliams Park. We will choose the location, but Little League will maintain at their expense. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to approve construction of a batting cage by the Little League. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of sale of surplus property in Elbert County. The County owns several pieces of property that are not being used. We must first offer it to the adjoining landowners or to the public. If there is city water/sewage, we must offer to the public. The commissioners agreed to allow the county attorney to advertise these properties and to send letters to the adjacent property owners giving them the opportunity to purchase.

Approval of proposed PDM Plan. There was a hearing held today prior to the monthly commission meeting, which was the first step. Our Board cannot approve until GEMA approves the plan. Once they approve, it will be brought back before the Commission Board for approval at a later date.

Approval of eleven (11) Beer and Wine Licenses for 2012. All criteria has been met for these businesses to receive licenses.(LISTED BELOW) Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the licenses. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED BEER AND WINE LICENSES:

72 Marine Sales	Beaverdam Marina, LLC
Boswell's Quick Stop	Enlighten Enterprise, Inc. dba One Stop Shop
Ingles Markets, Inc. #65	Jasica, Inc.
Junction Enterprises, LLC	Leon Farmer & Co. Wholesale
Quick Mart	Sandbar, Inc.
Stop & Shop Food Mart	

Finance Report. The finance report was given by CFO Phil Pitts. He informed the Board that we are running slightly better than budgeted at this time. A couple of departments are over due to large purchases up front. We have transferred funds from General Fund to the Fire Department Fund. When the property tax money comes in, we will transfer those funds back. We had a good amount of property taxes to be paid in November. The Insurance Premium Tax was less due to a reduced budget and reduced population. At this time, we have used about \$2,000,000 of the Line of Credit.

Public Comments. Tracy Colquitt made comments on the tax abatement for Hailo Corporation and on property taxes.

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

Commissioner Eaves made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Reynolds 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.