

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2012 - 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present 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 CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Eaves.

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

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting October 15th, 2012. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes from Executive Session for October 15th, 2012.

Discussion and approval of bid for used pickup truck from the Elberton Housing Authority. The Elberton Housing Authority is accepting bids for a used 2008 Ford Ranger. A mechanic from the County Shop has checked the truck out and reported it to be in good condition. Mr. Thomas has researched the value of the truck, and is proposing to offer \$7500. If purchased, this vehicle will be used by the Recreation Department. Mr. Thomas stated that the funds will come from SPLOST. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the bid of \$7500 for the 2008 Ford pickup. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 5-0

Discussion and approval of road projects for 2013 LMIG program. This is basically a block grant program. Out total will be \$593,571. We have to match thirty per cent (30%) of this. Sometime after Thanksgiving we will have a meeting to approve the list submitted by each commissioner. In the meantime, each commissioner is to go over the list and see if there is anywhere we can make cuts on the list.

Discussion and approval of bids for HVAC system for the Elbert County Library. We received six bids for this system at the library. The State requires a ten year warranty on parts and labor. Healthy Climate, Inc. submitted the lowest bid, and this is the company County Administrator Bob Thomas recommends accepting. Commissioner Eaves stated that he would rather go with R & B Heat and Air, because they are local and the difference in the two bids is so little. The library has a grant for this system that requires a fifty per cent (50%) match. The match amount is \$14,450. Mr. Thomas suggests that \$5,000 come from SPLOST, and the library pay the balance. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Healthy Climate's bid for the heat/air unit for the library with \$5,000 in SPLOST funds going toward this purchase. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Eaves against.

Request for a pay increase (per meeting) for the Elbert County Board of Assessors for attaining Certified Training. The requested increase for the Board Chairman is \$75 per meeting, up from \$60. The other two members increase is \$70 per meeting, up from \$55. Upon voting the motion passed 3-2, with Commissioner Eaves and Commissioner Reynolds against.

Discussion and adoption of a resolution to adopt amended and restated ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. ACCG says we have to adopt these changes in IRS rulings. It is just a formality to keep us in compliance. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to give the City of Elberton first right of refusal on property known as old Stevens School at 230 Tate Street should we decide to sell the property. We have no plans for the use of this building or property. At this point, we need to take the building down. Before that happens, all asbestos has to be removed. If the City of Elberton takes it today, they can have it. If Elbert County puts any money towards tearing the building down, the City of Elberton will have to reimburse that amount to the County. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve giving first right of refusal to the City of Elberton. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Before voting, Commissioner Reynolds suggested advertising the building and property for sell. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to table this decision until the December meeting. Commissioner Eaves seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of ten (10) Beer and Wine Licenses for 2013, listed below:

72 Marine Sales
Beaverdam Marina, LLC
Boswell's Quick Stop
Enlighten Enterprise, Inc.
Ingles Markets, Inc. #65
Jasica, Inc.
Leon Farmer and & Co. Wholesale
Quick Mart
Scenic View Country Club
RSR Food Mart

All of these business have met the requirements to renew their licenses. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine Licenses for 2013. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Employee compensation. Elbert County did a large amount of "in-kind services" toward the construction of an extension to the runway of the Elbert County Airport. We earned over \$300,000 from this project. Chairman Lyon suggests taking \$75,000 of this amount and put it toward a bonus for the employees. His suggestion is for \$500 for full-time employees and \$100 for part-time employees. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the bonuses suggested by Chairman Lyon. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. First, Mr. Pitts informed the Board that our auditors have finished the bulk of the field work on our current audit. They are ahead of where they were at this time last year. He has created a new report on E-911, which should make it a little easier to read and understand. On Prepaid Wireless, \$14,330 has come in through October.

Solid Waste should operate at “better than break even”; however, there is a significant amount due to General Fund. He has reclassified some expenditures in an attempt to get a more accurate dollar amount for some line items. On a positive note, our first property tax check came in at about \$440,000.

Public comments on agenda items. Estelle Colquitt asked that the Board consider the fact that Stevens School is in a residential area when they go about making decisions on what to do with the facility and property.

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 Jones made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to 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 Eaves seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.