

MINUTES  
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

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

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

**Adoption of agenda.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Before voting, Chairman Lyon asked to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve amending the agenda for an Executive Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Adoption of minutes for monthly meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to adopt the minutes for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval of a recommended addendum to the MOU with the Elbert County BOE, the City of Elberton and Elbert County BOC regarding the demolition of the old school on Mill Street.**

The demolition of part of this property was approved at our meeting last month. The gym is located on this property, also. The Board of Education will try to sell the gym; but in the event it does not sell, they want to add it to the demolition agreement by this addendum. Mr. Thomas advised the Board that the gym will be a much larger task than the other buildings. The ceiling is much higher and removing the beams will require a crane and more special equipment. Also, July is a very busy month for the County Road Department, and Mr. Thomas said he cannot obligate our employees to work on this project. Mr. Thomas is asking for permission from the Board to put these concerns in writing and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Chairman Lyon approved this request, and no vote was taken.

**Discussion and approval of a request from Sheriff Melvin Andrews to retain funds from the recent sale of confiscated firearms in the amount of \$1,507.50 for equipment for the Sheriff's Department.**

There were vehicles and guns sold at this auction. A percentage of vehicle sales goes to the Sheriff's Department, and the sale of guns goes to the governing authority. The District Attorney's office gets ten per cent (10%) for their assistance, and the balance goes to the Board of Commissioners. Sheriff Andrews is requesting the balance of \$1,356.75 be turned over to his department for the purchase of vehicle equipment. During discussion it was stated that it is state law that this money comes to the governing authority ; and also, if we do this one time, other departments will be making the same request. This issue failed for "lack of a motion".

**Discussion and approval to proceed with the close-out of the Rock Gym grant proceeds and final repairs by withholding necessary funds from Talbot Construction to ensure the final approval by the architect.**

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that he has been trying to close out this project for the last six months. The contractor, Talbot Construction, has not completed all of the items on the punch list. As we have leased the building, we must make these repairs. Mr. Thomas is asking for approval from the Board to let Elbert County have these repairs done, which will be around \$27,000, and to deduct the same amount from the final payment to Talbot Construction. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve

the County Administrator's request and complete the necessary repairs on the punch list. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion regarding the purchase of a used side arm mower for use by the Road Department utilizing SPLOST funds.** Mr. Thomas suggested that we combine items (8) and (9), as they are both needs for the Road Department. Road Superintendent Shannon Teasley has approached Mr. Thomas about the need for another side arm mower. He has located a used one for about \$48,000 and seems to be in good shape. The second need is replacing the fuel pumps at the Road Department. The current pumps are very old and in poor shape. Chairman Lyon stated that he does not see how we can purchase the side arm now, as we simply do not have the money. We are currently making payments on items purchased through SPLOST now. However, he did ask Mr. Thomas to get three bids on the fuel pumps and place this item back on the January, 2014, agenda.

**Approval of 2014 Beer and Wine Licenses for the businesses listed below:**

**New Junction, LLC  
Quick Mart  
Scenic View Country Club  
H.L. Brothers (One Stop Shop)**

Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the licenses for these four businesses. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Finance report given by CFO Phil Pitts.** Mr. Pitts informed the Board that he had given each department a detailed analysis of their expenses through November. At the end of November we were 2.2% under budget. There are a few departments that are a little over budget, but with most departments being under it brings the overall budget under as of 11/30/13.

**Public comments on agenda items.** There were no comments.

**Executive Session.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

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 4-0.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.