

MINUTES

ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 14<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 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 Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. After voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and Called Meeting December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. After voting the motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Ashworth and Commissioner Alexander abstained, as they were not present for the December meeting.

**Election of a Vice-Chairman for the Board of Commissioners to serve a two year term.** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to keep Horace Harper in the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Harper abstaining.

**Approval of the appointment of two Library Board members. One position is for a three year term, and one for a two year term.** At the request of the Library Board asking for a commissioner to serve in one of these positions, Commissioner Alexander expressed an interest in serving. Also, Allen Nicas' name has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Commissioner Alexander and Allen Nicas for the two vacancies on the Library Board. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of a Tax Anticipation Note for \$3,000,000 for Calendar Year 2013.** We received three bids on the TAN. They are:

Northeast Georgia Bank	Fixed Rate of 2.17%
Pinnacle Bank	Fixed Rate of 1.99%
Regions Bank	Variable Rate starts at 1.1805%

Mr. Pitts recommended going with the lowest rate offered by Pinnacle Bank. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the proposal from Pinnacle Bank. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Items 8) Renewal for Emergency 911 Fees, 9) Renewal for 911 "Emergency Telephone Fund" and 10) 9-1-1 Charge on Voice Over Internet Protocol are all mandatory annual renewals.** Chairman Lyon called for a Consent Agenda to unanimously adopt these three routine items. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to adopt the Resolution Renewals on Items 8,9 and 10. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of a Resolution of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners limiting the Probate Judge's compensation for fees collected not to exceed \$7500 annually or actual amount collected, whichever is less.** This is a Vital Records supplement allowed by the State, limited to \$7500 a year. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the compensation for the Probate Judge. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts.** The Solid Waste and E-911 are our largest funds after General Fund. They can have a surplus or a deficit. This year for the first six months, we are barely breaking even in 911. Fifty per cent of their budget is coming from General Fund. In Solid Waste, even with the large adjustment, we are down a \$19,204 deficit. We need more revenue as there is not a way to cut costs anymore. We need to consider increasing the tipping fees.

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

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