

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2013

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, CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

Pledge to the United States Flag and invocation. After the pledge, the invocation was given by Bob Thomas.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Jones 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 March 11th and Called Meeting March 27, 2013. Before adopting the minutes, in the Called Meeting minutes the attorney's name should be Brandon Bowen instead of Bradley Bowen. With the name change noted, Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the application of the Elbert Transit Plan submitted to the DOT. This application is for the year 2014. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the application to be submitted to DOT. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the 2014 Employees Health Insurance Plan. There have been a couple of meetings held to discuss our employee health insurance and the overall changes that have been made. Our insurance adjuster, Matt Bidwell, is suggesting that we drop the HMO and offer just the POS and PPO to employees. With Elbert Memorial's affiliation now with AnMed the POS and PPO will allow us to use doctors and hospitals in South Carolina. Due to low claims in the past year and changes made, the County will save around \$95,000 with the renewal. There will be no increase to employees. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the renewal health insurance plan. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a resolution closing a portion of Cunningham Road. A Public Hearing was held today before the Monthly Meeting. The public was allowed to express their concerns over the closure of a portion of this road. County Attorney Bill Daughtry read the resolution for this road closure. County Administrator Bob Thomas recommends closing that portion of Cunningham Road from Centerville to the Hartwell Hwy. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve that portion of the road being closed. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 3-2, with Commissioner Ashworth and Commissioner Reynolds against.

Discussion and approval of a resolution closing a portion of Rock Knob Road. A Public Hearing was held today before the Monthly Meeting. The public was allowed to express their concerns over the closure of a portion of this road. County Attorney Bill Daughtry read the resolution for this road closure. The closure of this road is conditional. The County will want access keys to gates in case it is ever necessary to enter the closed portion. The road will be closed above the two houses as the City of

Elberton has a water line below this. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the closure of a portion of Rock Knob Road. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 3-2, with Commissioner Ashworth and Commissioner Alexander against.

Discussion and approval of a resolution closing a portion of Oak Grove Road. The portion of this road to be closed is from Brewers Mill Road to Woodyard Road. This item failed due to the lack of a motion.

Discussion and approval/disapproval of a Planning Commission recommendation for a zoning request by Pyramid Materials, Inc. to go from Residential 1 to Industrial (map change). The Planning Commission states that this business is surrounded by other industrial property, and for this reason, the Planning Commission approves this map change. It is their request that the BOC approve this map change. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the map change from Residential 1 to Industrial for Pyramid Materials, Inc. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for tractor and bush hog to be used at the Elbert County Airport. The money will come from the Airport Grant Fund. Before opening the bids, County Administrator Bob Thomas informed the Board that one company had declined to bid, due to not having enough time to put the bid together. Commissioner Ashworth spoke up and stated that he wants more bids and wants this advertised in the paper, on the internet and our website. This issue was tabled to the next meeting giving Mr. Thomas time to advertise and obtain more bids.

Approval of a Beer and Wine License for One Stop Shop in Bowman. They have had a change of ownership. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this license for One Stop Shop. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. Solid Waste has seen a \$441 gain as opposed to a \$3600 loss last year at this time. For E-911 there has been a gain of \$32,842 from 7/11 to 3/12 compared to a \$37,000 loss during the same time last year. We have collected \$100,000 more in property taxes than at this time last year. High percentage of payments have been made due to the ad in the paper. At this time we are one per cent in the black.

Public comments. A resident of Oak Grove Road asked that if they picked up trash will the County get it and carry it to the transfer station. They do not want to pay the cost of tipping fees for someone else's trash. Mr. Thomas said that he will get Patrick Hopp to check out the road.

Shannon Teasley, Road Superintendent, informed the Board that he has two John Deere tractors now and has had no problems with them. He prefers a John Deere over the New Holland or Kubota.

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