

**PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.**

A public hearing was held today for the purpose of a proposed rezoning of property at 1883 Bobby Brown Park Road from residential to rural residential. Chairman Lyon opened the public hearing for comments on this zoning change. There were no citizens in attendance at the hearing. Chairman Lyon then adjourned the hearing.

**MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 2014 - 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman 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.

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

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

Adoption of minutes for a Called Meeting on April 7th, 2014, and the Monthly Meeting on April 21st, 2014. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Presentation of a Resolution to Granite City Life Skills honoring the Blackwell Memorial High School on Mill Street. There was a ceremony held a week ago honoring the old Blackwell High School and its history. The resolution is in recognition of Blackwell Memorial High School. The resolution was presented to Commissioner Freddie Jones, as he is a member of the Granite City Life Skills organization that is going to be located in the Blackwell Memorial High School building. Commissioner Jones thanked the local governments for working together on this and recognized some citizens in the audience for their participation.

Approval of an appointment for a replacement on the Elbert County Library Board to serve for a three year term. The Library Board provided the Commission Board with the names of two individuals that have agreed to serve in this position. Those names are Julia Brown and Ann Davis. Commissioner Harper made a motion to appoint Julia Brown to the Library Board. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Zoning Map Change and Conditional Approval from (R-1) Residential to (RR) Rural Residential for 3.04 acres located at 1883 Bobby Brown Road. There was Public Hearing held today prior to the meeting on this zoning change. The owner of this property wished to sell produce and bait for fishing. There was no one in attendance at the hearing to object to the change,

and the Planning Commission recommends approving the request. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Zoning Map Change and Conditional Approval. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of a request from Veronica Jackson to provide gravel and scraping of Melvin Jackson Road (classified as a private road) just off Sweet City Road. This item is being tabled to the June meeting, as Ms. Jackson needs more time to get signatures.

Discussion and approval of a payment request from Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc. for \$12,346.19 for work completed on the Old Jail Project on South Oliver Street. As you recall, we have been awarded a grant of \$99,999 from the USDA Community Facilities Fund to renovate this facility for the Jim-Ree Museum. Plans have been drawn up, and the next step is to advertise for bids for the work to be done on the facility. This has been a long process, but construction can finally begin. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment to Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc.. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approve bids for moving vacant houses on the airport property. Elbert County purchased these houses with Federal money from the Runway Extension Project. We did not receive any bids; so, Elbert County will tear them down and clear the land. We will be paid thru the Runway Extension Project. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the County tearing down the houses. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approve bids for resurfacing road projects on Hester Road, Jones Ferry Road and Rehoboth Road. Three bids were received on these projects. They are as follows:

E.R. Snell	\$547,564.25
Stratton & Son	\$597,796.00
Allied Paving	\$720,491.00

County Administrator Bob Thomas recommends the low bid from E.R. Snell. He also wants to negotiate with Snell to reduce the bid by letting the County Road Department do some patching and digging out. There is not enough money in LMIG to cover this. There is money in SPLOST for road repair, but it is not coming in as anticipated. We may have to borrow from General Fund to get this done. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the low bid from E.R. Snell. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by Phil Pitts. There are a few accounts that are over at this time. Part has to do with advance payments. This is the same with some of the agencies. The 4-H utilities are higher at the Beaverdam School facility than they were at the old building. We are close to the same revenues as we were at this time last year. The property digest is down a couple of hundred thousand dollars. There has not been enough growth to make a significant impact. E-911 is doing well, but Solid Waste is still a cause for concern. There has been twenty loads carried off from the Transfer Station so far this year compared to eighteen last year. On the last day of April, we had \$1,886.79 in SPLOSt. We could not make a payment to General Fund in April. We will have \$167,929.52 in SPLOST starting May; and after payments are made, there will be \$75,517.39 left.

Public comments on agenda items. Jimmy White, President of the Jim Ree Museum, thanked the Board for their efforts in getting the grant for renovation of the museum. He also expressed appreciation for the help thru Hotel/Motel Tax for assistance with the festival on May 10th.

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