

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 2015

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Chairman Lyon.

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

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting on April 13th, 2015. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Marc Lilly of Marc Lilly Plumbing, LLC to appear before the commissioners. Mr. Lilly made a request of the commissioners to look at the laws and enforcement of laws concerning licensed trades in Elbert County. He was concerned about the work being done by unlicensed contractors. He stated that work was being done in and around the county illegally and was causing health risks to our citizens. He asked the commissioners to look at taking steps to improve code enforcement. County Attorney, Bill Daughtry will also look into this matter and make recommendations.

Jack Schatz of “Keep Elbert County Beautiful” to appear before the commission. Mr. Schatz was not in attendance due to a family emergency, but he did talk to the commissioners at the work session about the “Annual Day of Pride” for Elbert County. He initially asked to set aside May 23rd as the date; but realized that is Memorial Day weekend; therefore another date will be looked at and agreed on.

First Reading on new fees for the Health Department on Environmental Health Regulations. This will be the first “First Reading” of new fees for the Health Department on Environmental Health Regulations regarding residential septic tank inspections, food service inspections and tourist accommodations. The new fees will be adopted at next month’s regular meeting.

Discussion and approval of a contract with Whitworth Women’s Facility for FY16 Work Detail Agreement. This agreement has been in effect for 4 years; the agreement is for 2 details but splitting the cost of one detail with the City of Elberton. The detainees are responsible for yard maintenance and also cleaning offices at government facilities. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a resolution to name an Open Records Officer and an Alternate Open Records Officer. This position was held by Judy Vaughn. Upon her retirement and the appointment of Tamara Butler as County Clerk, it was the decision of the commissioners to appoint Tamara Butler as the Open Records Officer and County CFO Phil Pitts as the Alternate Open Records Officer.

Commissioner Harper made the motion to appoint Tamara Butler as the Open Records Officer and Phil Pitts as the alternate Open Records Officer. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the contract with Republic Services of Georgia for Transport and Disposal of Solid Waste for the time period of July 1, 2015 to June 3, 2016. This is a continuation of the same contract with a slight increase. The per ton fee is \$35.65. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried. 5-0.

First Reading on the revised Elbert County Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 66 of the Elbert County Codes). This is the “First Reading” of the proposed changes to the Elbert County Subdivision Regulations ordinance. There will be items added, revised and changed. A public hearing will be held before next month’s regular meeting.

Discussion and approval of a request from EMS Director Chuck Almond to solicit bids for:

- 1- The purchase of a new ambulance to replace M-10.
- 2- The remount of a rescue truck, (MR-1, 1997 Ford).

This is a request to solicit bids only and is not a requirement to accept the bids. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve request to solicit bids. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approve bids for an Extended Vehicle Lift (up to 18,000 lbs.) for the shop. As of now the shop does not have a lift to work on heavy equipment such as ambulances. For safety purposes an extended vehicle lift is much needed. Three bids were received:

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| 1- Garage Equipment Supply -Bendpak HDS-18X | \$14,855.00 |
| 2- Best Buy Automotive Equipment - Forward Lift CR18 4-Post | \$15,655.00 |
| 3- Automotive & Carwash Equipment - Challenger 44018 HD 4-Post | \$16,016.53 |

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the low bid from Garage Equipment Supply which includes delivery, installation and a 1 year warranty. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approval of the employee Health Insurance Plan for FY16. Our health insurance provider (MSI Benefits Group) negotiated a good package for employees. Mr. Thomas suggested approving renewal Option #2 with an Annual Premium increase of \$220,435. He also suggested approving the Dental plan with an Annual Premium increase of only \$800. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the Health Insurance Plan for FY16. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. County CFO Phil Pitts stated that expenditures are up as are revenues by approximately the same amount. He provided a new report on the SPLOST account showing expenditures for this fiscal year. The closure cost of the landfill is much lower than originally anticipated.

Public Comments. No Public Comments.

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