

**Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 14, 2015**

The Elbert County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing for public input on proposed text changes to the Elbert County Code of Ordinances Chapter 62- Solid Waste regarding the criteria for evaluation of a special use permit by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. The proposed changes were presented and discussed, and members of the public were given the opportunity to comment. No members of the public offered comment.

**Minutes
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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 Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler and CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

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

Adoption of Minutes of Regular meeting on August 10, 2015, Called Meeting on August 19, 2015 and Called meeting on August 26, 2015. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Reading of a Proclamation honoring Coy Turner, a local citizen for his assistance in a lifesaving event with the Elbert County EMS Department. A framed plaque was presented to Mr. Turner by members of the EMS Department for his heroic acts on July 6, 2015, by giving lifesaving assistance to a small child.

Discussion and approval of an amendment to Chapter 62-Solid Waste Ordinance. First Reading was held on August 10, 2015 and a Public Hearing was held on September 14, 2015. This amendment will modify the criteria to be considered by the Board of Commissioners of Elbert County in evaluating requests for a special use permit pursuant to Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances of Elbert County. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an amendment to the Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 66-07) regarding the platting authority for recording subdivisions. This is a First Reading only; no action necessary.

Discussion and approval of a request from District Attorney Parks White for an addition \$4,000 to purchase and implement a LaserFiche system that will integrate into their case management

system. This item was tabled in the August meeting. Mr. Thomas has since contacted the other counties in our circuit to determine their response and all counties are approving or have approved the request. Mr. Thomas consulted with CFO Phil Pitts and at this time Elbert County can approve \$3,000. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve \$3,000. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Beer and Wine License for Jaykumar Patel at 1910 Hartwell Hwy. Mr. Thomas stated that all applications have been filed and all requirements met. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and review of our consultant's analysis regarding a C&D (Construction and Demolition) Landfill at the Transfer Site located on Hulmes Chapel Rd. As requested Atlantic Coast Consultants has made a preliminary evaluation and has proposed 2 options. 1- Develop a 20 acre landfill footprint at a cost of approximately \$180,000. 2- Develop a 2.5 acre site at a cost of \$95,000. Commissioner Vaughn asked if this could be put out for bids with other firms. Mr. Thomas stated that yes it could; also additional research needs to be done and will continue to work on this.

Discussion and review of a joint city-county water application to USDA for providing water to county residents in certain parts of the county. There is a need to try to provide water in the county for reasons of public safety and for the residents. At some point, the county hopes this could be a revenue producing enterprise. In teaming up with the City; there is possibly more money to be attained on the grant side as opposed to the loan side. There is a lot of paperwork involved and the City has agreed to pay half of the \$15,000 application fee. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to move forward with the application to the USDA. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and review of possible dates for a county-wide vote on SPLOST projects in 2016. Next year there are 3 possible dates that are available to put the 2016 SPLOST projects on the ballot. March 1, May 24, and November 8. All departments have been asked for a list of projects which would all be capital improvement projects. There will be a public hearing on this in October or November. No vote necessary as this is for discussion only.

Discussion and approval to change date of the regular monthly meeting in October to October 19th, 2015 due to conflicts in scheduling. Commissioner Harper made a motion approve the date change. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report. CFO Phil Pitts made some modifications to the presentation to show each departments percentage spent of total budget and comparisons from 2014 to 2015. As requested, only departments that overspent are listed. SPLOST has leveled out; additionally there are 23 months left to collect on this SPLOST.

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