

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2015

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

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Tommy Lyon.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0. Chairman Lyon then called for a motion to amend the agenda by adding under 4A) "Approval of Technical Proposal for 2016" for Elbert County DHS, and under 11B) Firefighters Grant. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting on January 12th, 2015. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Approval of the application for "2016 Technical Proposal". This application is submitted to the State to continue funds for the Transit program that is already in place. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the application to the State. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of a Proclamation honoring Judge Bailey on 30 years of service. Mr. Thomas read the proclamation honoring Judge Bailey who retired on January 1, 2015 after 30 years of service. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Approval of a Request from Jimmy White of the Jim-Ree Museum. This request is for \$2500.00 to assist in the Spring Festival on May 9th, 2015. The money will come from the Hotel/Motel tax and will be used for advertising, flyers, etc. to help promote the event. This is the same amount that has been requested in previous years. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and Approval of a request to enter into a Joint Paving Agreement. This request is for a multi-county agreement with Madison and Oglethorpe counties for contract paving. This is a one-year agreement; and would designate 5 miles of roads in each county for paving/resurfacing. Approximate cost would be \$85,000.00 per mile; possibly less if using our labor for hauling, etc. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter into a multi-county paving contract. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion of a request for a Road Name Change. The Sharping family made a request to change the name of Browns Bridge Road to Michael Sharping Road in honor of their son who was killed in an accident. There are 17 residences on this road that would all have to be contacted and a public hearing

held to get input before proceeding. The commissioners agreed to continue studying this request and review at the next meeting.

Discussion and Approval of a “Standby Contract for Initial 70 Hour Road Clearing, Removal and Disposal of Debris”. This contract is necessary in case of a future disaster in Elbert County. Currently there is no contract in place. If a major storm occurred, it would be devastating to the county. There is no cost to us until an actual event takes place and only then would be triggered by the commissioners. Two bids were submitted and was opened on February 5th, 2015. Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC in Greer, South Carolina was the lowest bid. Commissioner Jones made a motion to have a contract in place in case of a future disaster. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0 (as Commissioner Vaughn came in during this time).

Announcement of an Annual “Pumpkin-Chunkin” contest. This contest would be held at the Airport in conjunction with the Granite City Fall Festival on November 7th, 2015, in hopes to attract tourist to the area.

Discussion and Approval of Re-Conveyance of Property on Jenkins Road. This 5-acre tract was donated to Athens Tech as a truck driving course, with a stipulation that if not used as a driving course it would revert back to the county. The State would like to have that clause in the contract deleted, therefore, we will rewrite the deed and re-convey the property back to Athens tech without that clause in the contract. Commissioner Harper made a motion to re-write the deed. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0

Discussion and Approval of purchase for firefighters turn-out gear. This purchase is for 10 sets of turn-out gear. Cost is \$10,800.00 with \$5000.00 coming from a Georgia Forestry grant and the balance coming from the Fire Insurance Fund. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this purchase. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Public comments. Jimmy White from the Jim-Ree Museum expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for their approval of funds to the museum.

Chuck Almond- EMS Director also expressed his thanks to the commissioners for their vote of approval of the “Standby Contract for Initial 70 Hour Clearing, Removal and Disposal of Debris” and would like it reflected in the minutes that the bid was awarded to Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to have this reflected in the minutes. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter into general session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

No Action was taken during Executive Session.

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