

**PUBLIC HEARING
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2014**

A Public Hearing was held for a proposal of making a minor amendment to the Short Term Work Program of the 2011-2016 element of the Elbert County Comprehensive Plan. This amendment will get our Comprehensive Plan up to date.

**MINUTES
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Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting 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 Bill Daughtry.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Before voting, Chairman Lyon asked to amend the agenda by adding the following under 14a) "Approval of the new SPLOST Payback Schedule for General Fund." Upon voting on the amended agenda, the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting March 10th, 2014. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to accept a National Fire Plan Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. This grant will have a \$4,500 match, which, according to County Administrator Bob Thomas, will come from the Fire Equipment Funds. The money will be used to purchase seven (7) sets of turnout gear. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept the grant. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a revision to the Rock Gym Guidelines for rental of the facility to include a section that requires the renter to provide a separate portable non-slip dance floor on top of the existing floor for protection. Obviously, this very important requirement was overlooked originally. The floor in the Rock Gym was very expensive and not made for dancing, as it scratches easily. This revision will only effect those wanting to have dancing as a part of their event. The size dance floor will depend on the size of the event being held. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the revision. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a resolution to amend the 2011-2016 Short Term Work Program of the Elbert County Comprehensive Plan to include a section to develop an Urban Redevelopment Plan and a Transportation Plan component that will be written by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission.

Before today's meeting a Public Hearing was held on this issue. There was no one in attendance from the public to speak. We want to add this addition to our resolution to get Elbert County up to date. We already have a Housing Grant for Porter Drive, and that will fall under these additions. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a proposal from the City of Elberton to purchase the Stephens School property on Tate Street with the understanding that asbestos abatement and demolition of the facility be completed.

The City of Elberton has offered to pay \$45,000 for the property. We have two estimates on the cost to remove the asbestos. One is from Atlas Environmental Services for \$29,900. The other is from D&A Enterprises in the amount of \$25,550. Mr. Thomas recommends the lower bid from D&A Enterprises located in Dewy Rose. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept the low bid from D&A Enterprises for the asbestos removal. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of a proclamation designating April as "National Donate Life Month" in Elbert County for organ and tissue donations.

By adopting this proclamation it will help get the word out on how important it is to be an organ and/or tissue donor. Commissioner Reynolds took this time to tell those present that he has just been placed, as a recipient, on a lung transplant list. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of Sheriff Andrews' office policy regarding operation of emergency vehicles.

It is an insurance requirement that each department that operates emergency vehicles should have their own separate policy on this item. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the emergency vehicle policy for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a surplus property list. The list is as follows:

1987 Peterbilt Old Rolloff Truck - Vin #JD703019

Leeboy Asphalt Spreader, Model L8000T, Serial Body 350BVV, Motor 791789002618

Mauldin Roller/Packer - 4000

Mauldin Roller/Packer - CS03

Mr. Thomas recommends placing these items on the govdeals.com website to sell. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the surplus property list for sell on govdeals.com. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of two bids for replacement of concrete bridge abutment on River Road over Wahatchee Creek.

The abutment has come loose and is leaning toward the creek. It has to be poured and tied into the current abutment. The road will have to be closed for three to four days. The following two bids were received on the job: 1) KCI - \$50,000 and 2) Finley Concrete - \$26,200. Mr. Thomas recommends the low bid from Finley Concrete in the amount of \$26,200. Also, they have done work for Elbert County in the past. Commissioner Harper made a motion to accept the low bid. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of bids for a new bush hog mower to replace an older mower for use on County roads.

This item was tabled until more information is obtained.

Discussion and approval of a revised drug policy for the Elbert Transit drivers. This policy is a new format and includes some additional training that is now required, and also includes an update on HIPPA laws. Approval of this Substance Abuse Policy by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners is required by the Georgia DOT. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the revised drug policy for Elbert Transit drivers. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the new SPLOST Payback Schedule. When the \$40,000 SPLOST payment to the General Fund was approved more money was coming in each month from SPLOST. Unfortunately, in the past year those funds have been less. Mr. Pitts finds that he sometimes cannot pay all of the SPLOST payments and do the payback to General Fund. We need to have some money on hand for needed emergency expenditures from SPLOST. This new schedule lowers the payback amount depending on how much we collect that month from SPLOST. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payback schedule for SPLOST. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. Mr. Pitts continues to work on his report format in an effort to provide more detail, which is often requested from some department heads. At this time, the County is doing good as far as expenditures. On the other hand, the revenues don't look as good. We are three quarters through the fiscal year. We have collected \$287,652 less than we did at this time last year. This is primarily due to the economic situation in the County. E-911 is doing well and Solid Waste still struggles. There was less than \$150,000 collected from SPLOST in March.

Public comments on agenda items. There were no comments.

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

Commissioner Harper made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter back into General Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

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