

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2015

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chair 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, and County CFO Phil Pitts.

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

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. At this point, Chairman Lyon called for a motion to amend the agenda by adding under 4A) Use of County Resources for City Governments and the Board of Education. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Sub-Lease Agreement with the State Department of Natural Resources for Bobby Brown Park by Elbert County. At this time there are 61 camp sites. 58 are available for rent; with 3 being used for camp hosts. According to Mr. Thomas, an estimate of the initial start-up cost would be \$15,300.00; for equipment, office equipment for host, golf-carts, and a sewage pump system. Recurring costs is estimated to be \$40,488.00. He stated that conservatively, revenues could be \$35,000 while Mr. Lyon thinks it could be \$68,000. To have a sewage pump system on site would be beneficial to the park. It would keep the sewage pumped out and possibly prevent any problems in the future that could be costly.

Phil Pitts, CFO, discussed how to set up the accounting records as either a "Special Revenue Fund" or "Enterprise Fund", so as to separate this from the General Fund account.

Greg Johnson with the Recreation Department stated that a website is set up for online reservations that will be handled through his department.

Prison detainees will be available in February to help with getting things ready before March 1st.

Per Mr. Thomas, there is \$18,000 in the election fund to draw from if necessary for any expenses.

Many people have expressed their willingness to help out in any way necessary to keep the park going.

The lease agreement is for 5 years with a 1 year notice to get out of the contract if necessary.

After much discussion, Commissioner Harper made the motion to proceed with the take over of Bobby Brown State park by the county, Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Alexander opposing.

4a) Use of County Resources for City Governments and the Board of Education. We feel that it is in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of Elbert County to work together with the City Governments and the Board of Education if our resources are needed.

Public comments. Bill Palmer wanted to commend the commissioners for their vote on Bobby Brown Park. He is very willing to help in any way possible.

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