

**PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2014**

The Elbert County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing in the Commission Chambers of the Elbert County Government Complex. The purpose of the hearing was to receive input and/or opinions from the citizens of Elbert County on the proposed abandonment of a section of Boyd Road. This section will begin at the intersection of Bridges Road and Parham Dudley Road, proceeding south. This section will no longer be a part of the county road system. Chairman Lyon opened the hearing for comments. The Parham-Dudley Road is in Madison County, and the Boyd Road and Bridges Road are in Elbert County. The Smith's and Daves's families were present to speak on this issue. It was decided that it will remain a County road up to the Smith's driveway and closed for the remainder; as the Dave's just want a driveway for access. The road will close at the property line between these two property owners.

**MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tommy Lyon. 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, County CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

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 Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes from Monthly Meeting September 8th, 2014, and Called Meeting September 18th, 2014. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Tom Craft to appear before the Board to discuss road maintenance on Bullards Ferry Road. Mr. Craft lives at 2293 Bullards Ferry Road. The last time work was done on the road vegetation was left in the ditch, which got washed into his culvert, along with gravel, and stopped it up. He has taken care of it for thirty years. He finally called this to the attention of the County. They came and dug a culvert too deep to be maintained. He is asking that the Board please direct the road maintenance crew to be more aware around someone's home.

Discussion and approval of closing Boyd Road. Prior to today's meeting, a Public Hearing was held for comments on the proposed closing of Boyd Road. Two families, the Smith's and Daves' were in attendance. After much discussion it was decided to close Boyd Road to the property line between these two properties and to change the name from Boyd Road to Parham Road Extension.

Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the partial closing and renaming of Boyd Road to Parham Road Extension. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

“Keep Elbert County Beautiful” is requesting approval to hire an Executive Director part-time for up to twenty (20) hours per week. Mr. Thomas advised the Board that there will be \$18,000 for the year budgeted for KECB. This will be for the part-time salary of the Executive Director and \$5,000 for promotions. They will have to supplement this with grants. The \$18,000 will come from the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve this position. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approve bids for a truck for the Recreation Department as approved in the SPLOST referendum. Three bids were received for a new 2015 Ford F150 Super Cab truck at the Rec Department and are listed below:

1)Ed Murdock Superstore	\$22,714.00
2)Athens Ford	\$31,871.08
3) Casey Jackson Ford	\$28,502.59

Mr. Thomas recommends the low bid from Ed Murdock in the amount of \$22,714.00. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the low bid from Ed Murdock. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review proposal for steel decking on Winns Mill Road. The cost of the lumber to repair the bridge will be \$12,201.00. A steel decking with engineer supervision will be \$59,012. Done with steel this bridge will last for many years. We have \$691,540 left in the LMIG money, with \$588.503 of this amount committed to road paving. The County employees will do part of the installation with the supervision of the engineers provided. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the steel decking for the bridge on Winns Mill Road. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a resolution supplementing the compensation of the District Attorney for serving as temporary Solicitor of the Elbert County State Court System. State Court Solicitor Gary Aston resigned August 31st, 2014. Since then the District Attorney and his staff have been covering this position. District Attorney Parks White is asking that his office be reimbursed for the amount that was being paid to Gary Aston and to continue being paid until the Governor appoints someone to that position. The position of State Solicitor is paid \$39,000 per year or \$3250.00 per month. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve a resolution allowing compensation to the District Attorney’s office for covering the State Solicitor’s position until someone is appointed permanently. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Motion authorizing County Administrator to sign the offers to purchase property at the Elbert County Airport on behalf of the County. (FFA requirement) This authorization will be done by a resolution allowing the County Administrator to sign offers of purchase on real property acquired or to be acquired by Elbert County as part of the Elbert County Airport Acquisition/Expansion Project. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve this resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to not condemn two parcels (Smith and Walton) adjacent to the airport.

After exhaustive negotiations with these two owners, we feel it is not in the best interest of the County to proceed with condemnation. We will continue to pursue acquisition of these two parcels should circumstances change and in good faith effort to satisfy the OneGeorgia grant special conditions. A resolution of the Elbert County BOC deciding **not to condemn** parcels #042F-032 (Smith) and #053A-031 (Walton) at this time, but agreeing to continue to pursue acquisition if circumstances change has been drafted for approval. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the resolution to not condemn the two parcels in question. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. At this time revenues are above last year at this same time due to property taxes coming in early. The E-911 fund is \$37,6272 to the good, because the pre-paid wireless came in early, but is still down by 5% compared to last year. The Solid Waste fund, thru September, 2014, is slightly better than last year. The Transfer Station makes money, but the Convenience Centers lose money. We are gradually building a balance in SPLOST, as we are paying less in payments back to General Fund.

Public comments on agenda items. A citizen came forward to thank the Board for voting on the steel decking on Winns Mill Road.

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

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Harper 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.

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