

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2014

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, County CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

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

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

Discussion and approval of proposed new fees for the EMS ambulance service. EMS Director Chuck Almond has researched surrounding counties for the charges assessed by their ambulance services and has proposed the following increases for the Elbert County EMS to be effective immediately upon approval.

ALS Level 1 Emergency	\$570	(increase of \$145)
ALS Level 1 Non-Emergency	\$475	(increase of \$100)
ALS Level 2	\$875	(increase of \$225)
BLS Emergency	\$450	(increase of \$75)
BLS Non-Emergency	\$295	(increase of \$45)
Specialty Care	\$1,000	(increase of \$350)
Mileage	\$14.50/mi.	(increase of \$1.50/mi.)
Non-Covered Miles	\$14.50/mi.	(Increase of \$1.50/mi.)
Response Fee (no treatment)	\$150	(increase of \$25)
Response Fee (with treatment)	\$200	

If the patient pays within 10 days of receipt of invoice, 25% discount will be given; 11-30 days of receipt, 20% discount will be given. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the increases proposed by EMS Director Chuck Almond. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session for discussion of litigation. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to General Session. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Discussion during Executive Session concerned the lawsuit between Sweet City Landfill, LLC and Elbert County. Chairman Lyon called for a motion to appeal the lawsuit to the State Supreme Court. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion to appeal the Sweet City Landfill, LLC lawsuit to the State Supreme Court. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Chairman Lyon then called for a motion to hire Attorney Norman Fletcher to work with Elbert County on this lawsuit. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to hire attorney Norman Fletcher. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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