

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, July 13, 2015**

**Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order.** Present for the meeting were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler and CFO Phil Pitts. County Attorney Bill Daughtry was not present.

After the pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Jones.

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

**Adoption of minutes for monthly meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of minutes for called meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0, as Commissioner Ashworth abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting.

**Mr. Terry Warner to appear before the board to discuss funding for the hospital.** Mr. Warner brought up several concerns he had about the hospital and indigent care. Mrs. Pamela Warner also appeared before the board with the same concerns and whether or not residents would have a say in the continued support of the hospital. Chairman Lyon referred Mr. and Mrs. Warner to the hospital's representatives that were in attendance and said to voice their concerns to them.

**Discussion and approval of Kathy Seymour to the DFACS board replacing Vicki Johnson whose term will expire 6/30/19; and Leigh Webb Dye to the DFACS board replacing Thelma Ethridge whose term will expire 6/30/17.** Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the appointments of these ladies to the DFACS board. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a used 2014 van for the DHS transit program.** As the program has expanded to include Madison County, it is necessary to have another vehicle in service to accommodate all people participating in the program. This vehicle will be purchased from Casey Jackson Ford for \$24172.00 and funding will come from the DHS program. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the purchase of the van. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of three canopies for the DHS transit program.** These canopies will be purchased from Rockland Mini Buildings for a total of \$9851.50. These will help in keeping the vans out of the weather and be positioned so as not to interfere with parking. Funding will come from the

DHS program. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the canopies. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of modifications to the appropriations budgets for FY ending June 30, 2014.** Final adjustments have been posted after review of the suggested audit journal entries. CFO Phil Pitts stated that this is a formality to have approval before sending in to the Department of Audits. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve final adjustments. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report.** CFO Phil Pitts stated that at the end of FY 2015 our cash budget shows expenditures exceeding the budget by \$77,112. When we get the billing for retirement it is possible that will be improved and actually show a budget surplus. As usual the recycling center revenues are not close to covering expenses.

**Public comments.** Rebecca Stephens with the Senior Center thanked the commissioners for their vote of approval of purchases for the DHS program.

Rodney Willis spoke on behalf of the hospital and sees positive changes for the hospital.

Also, Brandon McClarey, Daniel Graves, Max Black and Brook Hall spoke on the hospitals behalf. All with concerns for the residents of Elbert County if the hospital were to close.

Butch Smith also came before the board to discuss the hospital and asked why the city is contributing much less than the county when he understands they have a large surplus.

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