

PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.

The Elbert County BOC held a public hearing today to allow the public an opportunity to voice their concerns/opinions on the proposed closing of the Brad Dixon Convenience Center and the Sand Hill Convenience Center. Chairman Lyon opened the hearing for questions; and as no one was present to speak on this issue, the hearing was closed.

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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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, County 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. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Chairman Lyon then requested a motion to amend the agenda by adding the following two items: Under 14a "Approval to change the Monthly Meeting date to October 6th or October 20th, due to October 13th being Columbus Day and a holiday for the County." Under 15a "Executive Session for Litigation". Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the two amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting August 11th and Called Meeting August 29th, 2014.

Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Rick White, Chairman of KEB, requests to speak to the Board regarding the future of KECB. Mr. White chose to speak to the Board at the work session on Thursday, September 4th, 2014. The KEB Board is currently looking for a new Executive Director since Andrea Marlowe resigned. He is asking the Board for any suggestions they might have for this position. They are also looking at some possible budget changes, and he will come back to the BOC on that at a later time.

Approval of a bid package for a new ambulance chassis and remount of an existing patient

compartment. Only one bid was received on this ambulance chassis, and it was from Emergency Vehicle Sales in the amount of \$106,991.00 with a twenty (20) year box warranty. EMS Director Chuck Almond told the Board that it will take sixty to ninety days to build the chassis and remount. County Administrator Bob Thomas recommended to the Board that we move forward with this remount so that we can have it in place as soon as possible. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the bid from EVS. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of a proclamation recognizing September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” in Elbert County. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt this proclamation. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request to submit a nominee to replace Mrs. Sallie Hood on the EMH Authority Board. Mrs. Hood has submitted her resignation to spend more time with her family. County Administrator Bob Thomas reminded the Board that the recommendation from the BOC will go to Elbert Memorial Hospital Authority Board for their approval also. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to recommend Max Black to fill this position on the EMH Authority Board. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to close Brand Dixon and Sand Hill convenience centers to reduce expenses in the Solid Waste Department. These two centers have been chosen, because they are the two that are used less. Keeping them open and paying someone to stay there is not justified by the number of times they are frequented by citizens. Commissioner Harper made a motion to close these two centers. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request from Lauren Daves to take Boyd Road off the county maintained road list and advertise to close the road to public access. This road is located in the northwest corner of Elbert County on the Madison County line. There is only one residence on Boyd Road, and they own most of the property. If we vote to do this, it will have to be advertised twice in the paper, and a public hearing will have to be held. Commissioner Harper made a motion to move forward with the request to close Boyd Road by advertising in the paper and holding the public hearing. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of recommendations from the Elbert County Planning Commission. Listed below:

- a. Conditional approval of Andrew Darbyshire, 1990 Hewell Rd. for a Personal Care Home in a RR Zone.
- b. Request from James Eutsler to amend the designation of 6/65 acres from GB to Mixed Use. Property is located at 1447 Tobe Wells Road.
- c. Request from Joey Orr to zone a 3 acre parcel on Bobby Brown Park Road that did not have a zoning designation. Staff recommendation is for a R-1 designation.
- d. Approval of 52 map and parcels that have been combined to meet the minimum acreage for conservation use status.

Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve these recommendations made by the Elbert County Planning Commission. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a new truck for the Facility Maintenance Department. Three bids were received for the required specs . They are: Aiken Ford for \$29,840.73, Tri-County Chevrolet for \$34,573.60 and Casey Jackson Ford for \$34,482.02. Mr. Thomas recommends the low bid of \$28,840.73 submitted by Aiken Ford for an F250 Ford. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the low bid from Aiken Ford. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a new truck for the Road Department. Three bids were received for the required specs. They are: Ed Murdock Superstore for \$36,442.00, Aiken Ford for \$36,856.30 and Casey Jackson Ford for \$41,175.62. Mr. Thomas recommends the low bid of \$36,442.00 submitted by

Ed Murdock for an F250 Ford. This is a diesel and is better for pulling trailers. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the bid from Ed Murdock in the amount of \$36,442.00. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. On the Cash Report, you will see that we have slightly overspent for the first two months. This is not unusual when paying some bills up front that cover a period of more than one month. The General Fund revenue is down, even though thru August we had more revenue than this time last year. We are in good shape with our "Line of Credit"; much better than last year at this time. The numbers are down again for SPLOST, but in reducing the "payback" to General Fund puts us in a better cash flow position for needed items. We are in good shape to pay for the ambulance for EMS.

Approval to change the October monthly meeting date. Due to October 13th being a County holiday for employees, we need to change the meeting date to October 6th or 20th. After discussion, it was decided that the 20th will be the better of the two dates recommended. The Work Session will be held on the following Thursday, October 16th, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this change. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion Carried 5-0.

Public comments on agenda items. There were no public comments.

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

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

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner Ashworth was too slow!)