

**Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
August 8, 2016**

A Public Hearing was held regarding rezoning 2.686 acres on Five Forks Road in Bowman; amending the designation from R1 (residential) to GB(General Business). It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Map Change. Mr. Doyle Carrington who owns property downhill of the property is concerned about oil runoff onto his property and into his pond as there is a possibility of a business being built there. Mr. Thomas addressed those concerns.

**Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
August 8, 2016**

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

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

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

Adoption of the minutes of the Called Meeting on July 7, 2016 and the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2016. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Approval of a Second Reading to amend Chapter 34, Section 76 through 83, which deals with the Erosion and Sedimentation Act. Local Issuing Authorities must amend their ordinances within 12 months of any amendment of the Act. State standards have changed, therefore we have to update our ordinances. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Approval of amendments to Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances governing Solid Waste procedures regarding fines imposed as a result of illegal dumping and littering. This is an amendment to Chapter 62 to provide for enhanced penalties for illegal dumping and littering. 1st offense will be no less than \$250.00, 2nd offense no less than \$500.00, 3rd offense no less than \$1,000.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Approval of a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between Elbert County and the Northern Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court Judge to become a full-time job status. The State provides \$85,000 per year to pay the salary of Judge Warren Caswell. He is paid as an independent

contractor, responsible for paying all federal and state taxes. This is a request to have Judge Caswell treated as a full time employee with Madison County acting as fiscal agent for the circuit. Each county will contribute a pro-rata share of cost based on population. Elbert County's share will be \$3,987.78 per year effective October 1, 2016. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Elberton, Elbert County, Elberton Granite Association and James M. Rutherford, Sr. regarding a viewing platform at Pyramid Quarries for the purpose of promoting tourism and economic development. Mr. Thomas stated that there have been recent changes and therefore feels that more information is needed before a final vote is made. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an application for rezoning from R-1 (Residential) to GB (General Business) on 2.686 acres of land at 3000 Five Forks Road. This property also fronts State Hwy. 17 just north of the city limits of Bowman. The Planning Commission has recommended this application be approved. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the following vehicles for surplus to be scrapped or put up for auction on the internet.

These vehicles are scrap – beyond repairs

- 1) Two (2) 2005 Ford Crown Vic
- 2) 2004 Ford Crown Vic
- 3) 1999 Mercury Marquis
- 4) 1999 Ford F250 Pickup
- 5) 2002 Ford F250 Pickup

These items are good and could be put on website for sale.

- 1) 1987 GMC Spreader Truck
- 2) Jersey Spreader
- 3) Sheep-Foot

Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the items for surplus. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated this is the first month of the fiscal year budget. Some budgets stayed the same; some budgets went up. There were some changes to the departments. The convenience centers will now be under the General Fund account. Code Enforcement and Animal Control are now separated in two accounts. Also, a custodial account was added that includes the Hart County Detail.

Public Comments. Mrs. Estelle Colquitt came before the Board to comment on the viewing platform. She stated that she did not want the City to be asked to contribute towards it.

Angela Jones came before the Board to ask for their help in getting the mess cleaned up along the railroad tracks along Hwy. 17. She said it is an eyesore to visitors and to the community.

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