

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
December 12, 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 Jones.

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 asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add under (10B)- A Resolution authorizing the EMS Director to authorize and approve Certain Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians to carry and possess weapons while on duty. Commissioner Vaughn made the motion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the minutes of the Called Meeting on November 10, 2016 and the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2016. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Pat Dove to address the Board concerning issues with Animal Control. Mrs. Dove who lives on Dunn-Worley Road expressed her concerns of certain dogs of owners on the road that seem dangerous and a nuisance in the neighborhood. She passed out several letters also from concerned citizens of the neighborhood. She wishes for something to be done as this has been a problem for a while. Chairman Lyon stated that the matter would be looked into.

Discussion and approval of the appointment of Mr. Randolph Davis to the Elbert County Board of Family and Children Services. Mr. Davis has expressed a desire to be appointed to this position and meets all qualifications. His term would extend through June 30, 2021. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of Mr. Ed Shive to the Elbert County Board of Assessors. Mr. Shive has served the Board for over fifteen (15) years and would like to continue his service. He is highly qualified and familiar with all policies and procedures of this office. This is a three (3) year term and would expire December 31, 2019. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of 2017 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals as follows:

72 Marine Sales, 3336 Calhoun Falls Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635

Sahai and Saral LLC, DBA One Stop Shop, 2447 Hwy. 172 W, Bowman, Ga. 30643

Ingles Markets, 903 Elbert St. Ext, Elberton, Ga. 30635

Leon Farmer and Co., 100 Rail Ridge Rd, Athens, Ga. 30607

Shree Sai Sai LLC, Quick Mart & Café, 1910 Hartwell Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635
Pyramid Petro- Jasica, Inc., 1650 Athens Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635
Scenic View County Club, 1191 Bowman Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635
BTNT Foundation; Hot Ventures, 1431 Bowman Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635
New Junction, LLC, 1456 Hartwell Hwy., Elberton, Ga. 30635
JAX Quik Stop, 2379 Calhoun Falls Hwy, Elberton, Ga. 30635
Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course, 2790 Olympic Rowing Dr, Elberton, Ga. 30635 (EXEMPT)
King Hall Mill, Inc. DBA Sandbar, Inc, 3435 King Hall Mill Rd, Royston, Ga. 30635
Beaverdam Marina, 1155 Marina Dr, Elberton, Ga. 30635

Mr. Thomas asked the commissioners to approve the renewals that have been submitted provided that all requirements have been met and taxes paid. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the renewals provided that all requirements are met. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of AMEC, Foster, Wheeler, Inc. to prepare the Master Plan for Bobby Brown Park. They were selected from a group of five (5) companies that submitted proposals from a RFQ advertisement. The Regional Commission will be assisting with this plan and we will have public hearings for citizen input as well. This plan is funded through a 75% grant from the ARC.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution to amend the Retirement Plan to allow a ROTH option for employees effective January 1, 2017. This amendment to the retirement plan offers employees the opportunity to make Roth contributions on a voluntary basis. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to amend the Resolution. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution authorizing the EMS Director to authorize and approve certain paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians to carry and possess weapons while on duty. EMS Director Chuck Almond spoke to commissioners at the work session urging them to approve this resolution. He cited incidents in the past and with other counties of EMS personnel being put in harms way while on calls and assisting law enforcement. Approval of emergency personnel to carry a weapon on duty will be granted at the sole discretion of the EMS director based on the applicant's training, evaluation, performance of range qualifications and a final evaluation. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the 2017 LMIG Road Projects as follows:

Resurfacing of:

Bodie Rayle Road
Fleming Road Extension
Neddlewood Road
Drake Road
River Road –West
Harmony Road
Middleton Church Road
O.W. Adams Rd.

Patching:

Mobley Hill (widen 2 feet from Hwy. 72 to Recreation/Senior Center Driveway)
Seymour Road
Cornell Dairy Road
Shallow Creek Road
Lithia Springs Road
Clark Road
Oak Hill Road

Mr. Thomas stated before the final determination; roads would be looked at again. As for now, a list has to be approved and submitted. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the road project list. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried.

Discussion of Workers Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance for 2017. Mr. Thomas stated that as of now all figures have not yet been received and reviewed. A called meeting will be held before the end of the year to discuss and approve at that time since renewal will be January 1, 2017.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated the General Fund is .06% over budget compared to last year's 1.9% under budget. Thru October 2016, 18 departments are over budget totaling \$26,553. Thru November 2016, 13 Departments are over budget totaling \$177,448. Transfers and Other Agencies account for 40% of the overage. Total revenues so far this year are \$563,409 less than last year. Property Tax revenues are \$518,959 less than last year. As of November 30, there is \$1005.21 that can be spent from the Hotel/Motel fund on local programs. Due to removing convenience centers from Solid Waste to General Fund, the program is showing a profit of \$48,126 thru 4 months.

Public Comments. Mr. Jerry Hewell asked the Board to look at the railroad crossing at Dewy Rose. All along the railroad tracks are still an eyesore. Chairman Lyon and Mr. Thomas stated they have been in constant contact with the railroad to get something done. Mr. Thomas hopes to have the retreat again in February 2017 and asked commissioners to look at their calendars to set a day and time.

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