

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
November 13, 2023

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner David Hunt, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Mike Scoggins, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Allen Hulme, CFO Macie Witcher, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler and media.

After the pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Alexnader made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of the minutes of the Called Meeting on October 4, 2023 and the Regular meeting on October 10, 2023. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the reappointment of Mr. Corey Bott to the Elbert County Planning and Zoning board for a 4-year term. His term will expire August 10, 2027. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Corey Bott. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the reappointment of Mr. Charles Cecchini to the Elbert County Planning and Zoning board for a 4-year term. His term will expire August 10, 2027. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Charles Cecchini. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

First Reading to Amend Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances to create a new section 58-8 to "Prohibit Camping on Public Road Rights-of Way" or other property owned by the State or County Government. Mr. Daughtry stated the Sheriff's office had received complaints of people camping under bridges and on sides of the road; therefore, the new ordinance will help them to enforce it. This is for first reading only, no vote is required.

Discussion and approval of an amendment to the existing DJJ lease deleting the janitorial provisions. Mr. Hulme stated there is a section in the current lease that the county is to provide janitorial services which our staff has been doing, but it has become a burden; therefore, he talked to the DJJ and they proposed to cut out the janitorial services and reduce the rent paid to us by \$278.72 per month which will now be \$1501.11 per month. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the amendment to the DJJ lease. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids on the house and property at 1280 Bobby Brown State Park Road. Mr. Bobby Howell stated three (3) bids had been received, with Andrew Burke being the high bid of \$33,000. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the bid of \$33,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher stated General Fund expenditures are under budget thru October. General Fund revenues are up compared to this time last year. SPLOST and TSPLOST and Hotel/Motel Tax funds are in good shape. We have borrowed \$999, 058.68 from the line of credit, and all has been paid back; compared to this time last year we had borrowed around \$2 million.

Executive Session for litigation. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to enter Executive Session for litigation and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Scoggins. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Adjournment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.