

Minutes
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 13, 2017

Chairman 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 Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2017. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

First Reading and discussion of an ordinance amending the selection process for Vice-Chairman. This amendment would replace code section 2-38(f) to update that section and clarify the manner in which the Vice Chairman is selected. The 1 year term will start this year with the Commissioner from District 2 as Vice Chairman, then next year with the Commissioner from District 3 and so on. This is first reading only, no vote is required.

Discussion of the Grand Jury presentments. Recommendations by the Grand Jury were:

- 1) New tires for Scott Franklin's car.
- 2) A working light in front of court house.
- 3) Court house ceiling needs repairs; has mold and a leak.
- 4) Gutters need to be fixed.
- 5) Raise for Jimmy Webb.
- 6) Slate needs repairing on roof.
- 7) DA needs help.
- 8) Ambulance needs tires.

Discussion and approval for Policies and Procedures for the Porter Drive CDBG Housing Rehab Project. Mr. Thomas stated these policies and procedures are required to be adopted for the application process. It also sets up a "Citizens Advisory Committee" to oversee the construction. Possible start date for the project with weather permitting will be May 2017. The total amount of the block grant is \$302,000.00.

Discussion and approval of bids for a bush hog for the Road Department. This item will be held over until next meeting.

Financial Report. As of January the General Fund is 1.7% under budget. Property tax revenues through December were \$1,658,936 less than the year before. January was a catch up month and thru January 2017, the revenues are only \$193,187 less than the prior year. There is \$2,892 in the Hotel/Motel tax fund for local promotions. Due to moving the convenience centers to the General Fund account, the Solid Waste fund is showing a profit of \$74,120 thru 7 months.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

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