

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 15, 2018**

A Public Hearing was held to hear a request from Cody Jarrell to rezone 2.31 acres at 2071 Athens Highway from R1 (Residential) to GB (General Business). Mr. Jarrell operates an auto accessory business at this location. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

Hearing no Public Comments, Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to a close.

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

Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 4a) Monica Mosley from Republic Services to address the Board regarding waste disposal at the transfer station. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2018 and the Called Meeting on September 21, 2018. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request from Monica Mosley of Republic Services to address the Board regarding waste disposal. Mrs. Mosley stated there would be no rate adjustment this year; this will be the third year in a row that there has been no increase.

First Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to create a new Section 2-6 and 2-7 governing the sale of surplus property. For surplus property valued from 0-\$2500, trade-in on replacement equipment, or listing on established auction website, or sale to highest responsible bidder, or sale to highest responsible bidder by sealed bid after publication on County website and County Administrator approval. \$2500-\$5000, trade-in on replacement equipment, or sale to highest bidder at auction published on County website and in legal organ, or sale to highest bidder by sealed bid after publication on County website and in legal organ, and County Administrator approval. \$5000 and over, is the same requirements as \$2500-to \$5000, BUT will also require Board of Commissioners approval.

This is first reading only; no vote is required.

First Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code or Ordinances to amend Section 1 to include wording for bids over \$10,000 to be published on the County website and the Georgia Procurement Registry as required by the new state law. Mr. Daughtry stated there is a new state law that establishes a Georgia Procurement Registry; anytime we purchase goods or services for \$10,000 or more, state law requires that we publish the request for bids on the State of Georgia website to allow for more visibility and also involves Public Works contracts over \$100,000. One change that was made earlier to this same ordinance required request for bids of \$2500-\$5000 be published on the County website; but this has become an issue when a purchase is needed immediately. Therefore, this requirement has been removed from the ordinance. This is first reading only; no vote is required.

Discussion and approval of a rezoning request from Cody Jarrell to change zoning from R1(Residential) to GB (General Business) on 2.31 acres located at 2071 Athens Highway for an auto accessory business.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve this rezoning request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request from Mrs. Mary Clark of the Martin Luther King, Jr. committee to speak to the Board regarding the 26th annual MLK Weekend of activities scheduled for January 2019. Mrs. Clark thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them to ask for their continued support of the MLK weekend activities. She said that many activities were planned for that weekend and it does get to be expensive, therefore their support would be appreciated. Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to give \$1000 to the MLK committee. Commissioner Alexander made the motion. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of road naming and 911 addressing purposes for Anthony Circle. Mr. Thomas stated Anthony Circle is off Cooter Creek Road and is not a county-maintained road. There have been requests for 911 addresses for the road possibly due to someone moving to that area. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve road naming and 911 addressing for Anthony Circle. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated it was good news for the Solid Waste Fund that Republic Services would have no rate adjustment this year. General Fund expenditures are over-budget due to an extra pay period in this quarter and upfront insurance cost and payments to outside agencies. Tax revenues usually decline this time of year due to tax notices being sent out.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session. Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commission Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Upon returning, Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lyon stated that no action was taken.

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