

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 12, 2019**

A Public Hearing was held to hear the following rezoning request.

- 1) A request from North Georgia Capital Investments to rezone a 753-acre tract on William Smith Road near the Richard B. Russell State Park from A (Agricultural) to R2 (Multi Family Residential) for a multi-residential development. Mr. Jeff Grant with North Georgia Capital Investments stated to the commissioners this rezoning request is the first step in a long and costly project that may take two years to start development. Dwayne Moore and Robin Smith, residents of the area, spoke in favor of the project. Also, this request has been approved by the Planning Commission.

- 2) A request from Hugh Monteith to rezone a 10.75-acre tract on Pearl Mill Road from A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business) for a boat/RV storage facility. No one was in attendance to speak of the rezoning request; but Mr. Thomas stated this is a rezoning request from A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business) to build a Boat/RV storage facility as the one on Bobby Brown Park Road. This request has also been approved by the Planning Commission.

There being no further comments, Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to a close.

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

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

Adoption of the Agenda. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 6a) Discussion and Approval of a Beer/Wine License for the old Maddens One Stop on the Bowman Highway, and 6b) Discussion and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Elbert County School system for School Resource Officers. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion to amend the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 8, and the Called Meeting on July 18, 2019. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a request from Northeast Georgia Capital Investment to rezone a 753-acre tract on William Smith Road near Richard B. Russell State Park from A (Agricultural) to R2 (Multi Family Residential) for a multi-residential development. A Public

Hearing was held on this rezoning request; and Mr. Jeff Grant with Northeast Georgia Capital Investments spoke to the commissioners regarding the project. He did state this is the first step to take in a very long and costly process; possibly 2 years before the development can even begin. There was no opposition from residents in area. Also, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval from Hugh Monteith to rezone a 10.75-acre tract on Pearl Mill Road from A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business) for a Boat/RV storage facility. Mr. Thomas stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application for a Boat and RV storage facility. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Beer and Wine license application for the old Maddens One Stop at 1431 Bowman Highway. Mr. Thomas stated the property has changed ownership to JTG & PAWAR, LLC, and that all requirements had been met and fees paid. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine license application. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Elbert County School District to provide an SRO (School Resource Officer) for each school. The term of the agreement shall be for the period from August 7, 2019 through May 22, 2020. The School District shall be responsible for paying \$45,000 per SRO for four (4) SRO's to cover all actual expenditures. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the IGA with the School District. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of the Second Reading to amend Section 2-3 of the Code of Ordinances (Purchasing Policy) to comply with the Georgia Procurement Registry requirement under O.C.G.A 36-80-26. State law was changed to require Publication of Request for Bids on the official county website; publication of Request for Bids in the legal organ; minimum of three (3) sealed written bids if possible, Board of Commission approval and posting of request for bids with the Georgia Procurement Registry for goods, services or both valued at \$100,000 and over, and request for bids involving Public Works contract for over \$100,000 subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the official Code of Georgia. Mr. Daughtry stated this amendment to our Ordinance makes it consistent with State Law. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the amendment to the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval for the EMS Department to seek bids for six (6) new cardiac monitors/defibrillators for our ambulances. Beth Seymour spoke to the commissioners at the work session stating the old cardiac monitors were getting old and outdated and needed to be replaced. Commissioner Freeman made a motion for EMS Department to seek bids for the requested equipment. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to allow the Fire Department to research the possibility of purchasing used fire vehicles for our stations. Fire Chief Rick Mewborne spoke to the commissioners at the work session stating that he would like to start the process of looking for used vehicles for the Fire Department. Two (2) of the reserved trucks are 39 and 45 years old. He stated that new equipment would cost upwards of \$200,000; and he feels that used vehicles would serve the purpose. Funds would come from the Insurance Premium Fund and SPLOST. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the purchase of used fire vehicles. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. CFO Phil Pitts was absent for the meeting.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session for possible purchase of property and litigation. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Harper made the motion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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

Chairman Vaughn stated that no action was taken.

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