

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, August 20, 2020**

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

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

**Adoption of Agenda.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session. Commissioner Freeman made the motion to amend the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to name Daniel Dobbins as Elbert County's representative to the Joint Development Authority of Northeast Georgia.** This appointment is for a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2020. This authority comprises Athens-Clarke, Barrow, Elbert, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties. Commissioner Freeman made the motion to approve Daniel Dobbins. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a contract with KCI Technologies, Inc. for a non-destructive pavement condition evaluation on approximately 420 centerline miles of county roadways in Elbert County.** The field inspection will be conducted in accordance to guidelines established by the Georgia DOT for the maintenance of our roadway system. Jimmy Witherow and Joe Barron with KCI Technologies were on hand to answer questions and Mr. Witherow gave a presentation of the system that they used to evaluate roads. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with KCI Technologies. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to bid on nine (9) mobile homes that are delinquent in taxes and should be removed from the property.** These mobile homes are scheduled to be sold on the first Tuesday in September 2020 (September 1, 2020). Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve for the county to bid on the mobile homes that are delinquent in taxes. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to increase the purchase amount of a used vehicle for the EMS, First Responder and EMA programs to \$25,000.** This is a request for an additional \$5,000 which Mr. Thomas stated would help in finding a better vehicle for the EMS department. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion regarding county offices at the Beaverdam School building in response to the Board of Education's facility options.** Our contract expires May 31, 2023. Mr. Thomas stated the BOE has said that 4-H is important to the school program and wants it to continue to be close to the school.

**Discussion of the proposed changes to Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances regarding mobile homes and travel trailers and camping sites.** Mr. Allen Hulme stated some changes include adding a definition

of a travel trailer, general installation standards, setbacks of 100 ft. from right-of-way; adding a section that addresses storage of unoccupied travel trailers and site sizes. No vote required; as this will first go before the planning commission for approval and then for first reading at the next monthly meeting.

**Discussion and approval to declare certain vehicles and equipment as surplus by the EMS Department and Road Department.** Mr. Thomas stated there were vehicles and equipment from the Road Department and EMS to add as surplus items to either be sold by sealed bid, auction or on gov deals.

EMS: 2000 Ford F350, VIN - 1FDWF36FXE02639  
2006 Ford F450, VIN - 1FDXF46P26EC66832  
1993 Munson Hull# 181117 (2) 50 HP 4-stroke engines- #OT854599 (04 model), #OT671650 (03 Model)  
Polar Kraft johnboat -Hull # CGS1440, 25 hp, #OT516263 (02)

ROAD: 2015 John Deere CX-15 Batwing Bushhog, VIN- 1P0CX15GCFZ046269  
10 Ton Tandem Axle Trailer – VIN- 4MNDP2422Y1000329  
2000 Ford E-350 Van, 254,011 miles, VIN- 1FBSS31LX1HA59626  
2005 Ford F150 PU 2X4, 267,371 miles, VIN- 1FTRX12W56NA70714  
1998 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4, 156,992, VIN- 1GNEK13R1XJ321122  
1995 Ford Tandem Axle Dump, 156,992, VIN- 1FVYL90EXSPA39089

**Public Comments.** There were no public comments.

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for discussion of personnel and litigation. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion; Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning, Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Alexander made the motion; Commissioner Harper seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.