

**Minutes**  
**Elbert County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, December 14, 2020 5:30 PM**

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Horace Harper, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Jr., 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 the Agenda.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 9a) Discussion and Approval of the 2021 Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Adoption of the Minutes of November 9, 2020 and the Called Meeting of November 24, 2020.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of Second Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Farm Wineries and permitting and conditional uses for Mobile Home, Travel Trailers, Mobile Home Parks and Travel Trailer Parks.** Mr. Daughtry stated there has been a Public Hearing and First Reading on this item. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow farm wineries. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a request from the Clerk of Courts, Leigh Starrett, to use CARES Act funding to modernize digital real estate records in the amount of \$9,140.** Mr. Thomas stated this request will allow real estate indexes to be available online for the years 1975-1984. This will also allow attorneys, title search companies, and the public to search these records online. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the transfer of ownership on the previously abandoned portion of Cunningham Road to adjacent property owners.** Mr. Daughtry stated the old roadbed of Cunningham Road was abandoned in 2013. Since there are not competing claims to the roadbed, we are offering it to the successors in title to the original owners of the land. The county did not pay anything for it originally. We are retaining a 20 ft strip off Hartwell Hwy to keep people from using the old roadbed. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to return the account duties for the Victim's Assistance Program under the District Attorney's office back to that office or to another county in the circuit. Elbert County has been administering these duties since 2016. The original request was for one year.** This item was tabled until the January 2021 meeting.

**Discussion and approval of the Fireman's Cancer Policy through ACCG for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The policy cost is \$16,357.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the Fireman's Cancer Policy. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2021 Worker's Comp policy through ACCG. The policy cost is \$198,296.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the 2021 Worker's Comp policy. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the RFQ that was advertised to assist with the repair of the Old Courthouse Belltower. Mr. Thomas stated two (2) companies returned bids.** Mr. Thomas stated Carter-Watkins & Associates gave the low bid of 6% of construction cost. Upon approval, they will inform us of the estimate as to what the total cost might be. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of bids to repair the roof on the Elbert County Government Complex.** Mr. Thomas stated two (2) bids were received with Bone Dry Roofing turning in the low bid of \$29,987. He also stated the several references that we contacted were pleased with their work. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the bid from Bone Dry Roofing. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to amend the FY2021 General Fund Budget for Surplus Revenues and to have the increase booked into the Contingency Expenditures Account.** Mr. Pitts stated this is strictly for accounting purposes and his proposal is to up the revenue as the assets is sold as surplus and at the same time up the contingency expenditure budget. This way the budget is always in balance. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve and Commissioner Ashworth seconded. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and Approval of the 2021 Alcoholic Beverages License Renewals. They are as follows:**

- 1) 72 Marine Sales
- 2) Sahai and Saral LLC- dba One Stop Shop
- 3) Ingles Markets
- 4) Leon Farmer Company
- 5) Shree Sai Sai LLC – Quick Mart & Café
- 6) Pyramid Petro
- 7) Scenic View County Club
- 8) JTG & PAWAR, LLC
- 9) New Junction, LLC
- 10) R & R Quik Stop
- 11) Arrowheard Pointe Golf Course
- 12) Tony's
- 13) Beaverdam Marina, LLC

Mr. Thomas stated that all businesses have paid except One Stop Shop and Tony's. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the 2021 Alcoholic Beverages License renewals for the businesses that **have paid**. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to declare the following items as surplus property:**

- a. One (1) 10-foot aluminum analog antenna
- b. Four (4) 20-foot aluminum analog antennas
- c. Three (3) 20-foot fiberglass analog antennas
- d. A used rescue truck from the Fire Department no longer in service
- e.

Commissioner Harper made a motion to declare these items as surplus. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Finance Report.** Mr. Pitts stated that expenditures are slightly above budget, but also includes a few COVID expenditures that will be reimbursed. SPLOST revenues for November are \$203,494 and TSPLOST revenues are \$139,756.

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

**Executive Session for Litigation.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter Executive Session; Commissioner Alexander seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Upon returning Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session; Commissioner Ashworth seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded. The motion carried 5-0.