

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 10, 2020**

A Public Hearing was held to hear a request from Strategic Seek One, LLC to rezone 206 acres on Jaudon Road (Map 043 Parcel 032) from AG (Agricultural) to I (Industrial). Mr. Thomas stated there is an old abandoned quarry on the property. The Planning Commission approved this rezoning request. There was no representative present for the public hearing. No one from the audience spoke in favor or against this rezoning.

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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 Mr. Daughtry.

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item 11) discussion of an easement for a viewing platform until further notice and add 11) Discussion and approval of bids for a new fire truck for the Fire Department. Commissioner Jones 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.

Adoption of the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Recognition of Commissioner Ashworth as the Vice Chairman for the 2020 calendar year. Vice Chairman's position rotates each year according to their district; so that each commissioner has an opportunity to serve in the Vice Chairman's position.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution to declare Elbert County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary county. Mr. Daughtry stated it is the desire of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners to declare it's support of the Second Amendment and affirms it's support for the Elbert County Sheriff in the exercise of his sound discretion to not enforce against any citizen an unconstitutional firearms law and we will not expend county resources or staff in any way that would erode those rights. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this Resolution. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a rezoning request from Strategic Seek One, LLC to rezone 206 acres on Jaudon Road from (AG) to I (Industrial). A Public Hearing was held prior to the meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for two (2) electronic scoreboards for the baseball fields at McWilliams Park. Mr. Thomas stated two (2) bids were received with Skeeter's Designs being the low bid of \$11,985. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the bid from Skeeters Designs. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of wood grinding at the Transfer Station. Mr. Thomas stated three (3) bids were received with Rider Grinding Service being the low bid of \$19,500. Mr. Thomas also stated the EPD requires this and it has been over a year since the last grinding was done. Commissioner Freeman made a motion approve the bid from Rider Grinding Service. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to reappoint Chris Alexander to the Elbert County Library Board for a three-year term which will expire on December 31, 2022. Mr. Thomas stated Mr. Alexander has agreed to serve another three-year term. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion approve this reappointment. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for a new fire truck for the Fire Department. Mr. Thomas stated we applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$160,000. We then sought bids for a new fire truck. Two bids were received with Deep South Fire Trucks turning in the low bid of \$160,650. We pay 5% and the federal portion is the remaining amount. Our portion is \$8,650. Funds will come from the Fire Insurance Fund. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the bid of Deep South Fire Trucks. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on road priority for bid specifications regarding the expenditure of TSPLOST Funds. Mr. Thomas stated that a list of roads that were recommended has been discussed and he would like to get some help with proposals from KCI Engineering. Mr. Thomas feels like we will have 1 million to spend from money already collected and will be collected by the time paving begins.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated thru January we are \$42,072 over budget. General Fund revenues are 10.02% more than this time last year and expenditures are .83% more. Sales Tax revenues were \$184,955 for January and TSPLOST revenues were \$124,878.

Executive Session. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Freeman made the motion and Commissioner Alexander seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

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