

**Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, September 30, 2021**

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Freddie Jones, Commissioner Horace Harper Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Jr., Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, 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 asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 9a) Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to approve Lee Vaughn as the voting delegate at the Business Session of the annual ACCG Policy meeting in November. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Chairman Lee Vaughn as the voting delegate. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution to adopt the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste plan. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to adopt the Millage Rate for the Elbert County Board of Education. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the Board of Education's millage rate of 14.250. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to adopt the Millage Rate for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the millage rate of 9.7630 for the unincorporated area of the county and 10.539 for the incorporated area. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and approval to approve the Sonny Solar Decommissioning Agreement. Mr. Daughtry stated Mr. Allen Hulme and agents for Sonny Solar has agreed to a decommissioning guarantee of \$2,628,869.21 which is the amount that both parties have agreed upon for the cost of removing panels and getting the ground back to its original condition; that is if the project ceases to operate for a period of 365 consecutive days. This is a requirement under out zoning ordinance. Commission Freeman made a motion to approve the Decommissioning Agreement with Sonny Solar. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated no action was taken.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.