

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

Attorney Bill Daughtry called the meeting to order, Present were Mr. Daughtry, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Phil Pitts, CFO Macie Witcher, County Clerk Tamara Butler, media. Chairman Vaughn and Commissioner Ashworth were absent.

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

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Mr. Daughtry stated he would expect Commissioner Jones to abstain from voting on Item (7) Discussion of support for Elbert Partners for Health, which means there would not be a quorum; therefore; that item will be tabled and removed from the agenda. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Discussion and approval of the designation of Casey Freeman as the Vice Chairman for the remainder of 2022.** The Vice-Chairman position has rotated for the last couple of years and Commissioner Harper (District 1) was the designated Vice-Chairman for this year; therefore: to finish out his term, Commissioner Freeman (District 2) would be next in line. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Commissioner Freeman as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of 2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

**Discussion and approval of the SPLOST revenue split of 66% to Elbert County, 29% to the City of Elberton and 5% to the City of Bowman.** Mr. Daughtry stated in order to move forward and get projects in place, we have to approve the revenue split; and asked if they were prepared to approve the list of projects or wait until the July meeting. Commissioner Alexander stated that he is ok to go ahead and vote on the revenue split but would rather wait on the other Commissioners to vote on the projects. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the revenue split as indicated. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Discussion and approval to seek bids for a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) for \$3,000,000.** Mr. Daughtry stated that every year before property tax revenues start coming in, we need operating expenses and have always had a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) to draw from. Mr. Pitts stated he needs authorization to seek bids from the four (4) financial institutions. Commissioner Alexander asked if \$3,000,000 is needed; Mr. Pitts said that it is better to have it approved if something were to come up. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve seeking bids for the TAN. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**Discussion of support for Elbert Partners for Health. This item was removed from the agenda.**

**Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.** Mr. Pitts stated we have received request from all of the different departments. What has been presented is the details of what has been requested for Special

Revenue, and Capital Projects fund. He stated that he received a late request from an Enterprise Fund that he will have to take a good look at and is not ready to present for approval.

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**Discussion and approval for the 2023 Budgets for the Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects, and Enterprise Fund.**

Mr. Pitts asked to go ahead and approve the following:

- 1) Special Revenue Fund. Mr. Daughtry asked for a motion to approve the budget of \$4,868,863 for the Special Revenue Fund. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Jones abstained
- 2) Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Daughtry asked for a motion to approve the budget of \$8,071,000 for the Capital Projects Fund. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Jones abstained.

**Discussion and approval of an Architectural firm that will design plans for the new County Extension office.** Mr. Bobby Howell stated that three (3) proposals were received and interviews were held with each firm. Of the three; Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc. from Marietta gave a dollar amount of \$165,000; the other two (2) gave percentages of the cost or were nine months out. Mr. Howell recommended Lyman Davidson Dooley for this project. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to table this item until further discussion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.