

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 8TH, 2013

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chair Horace Harper, Commissioner Harold Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Judy Vaughn, County CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting June 10th, 2013, and minutes for Called Meeting June 20th, 2013. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt both minutes as read. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Chairman Lyon then asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add "Approval of a Resolution for Oconee County to participate in the Joint Development Authority of Northeast Georgia", to be added as Item 8a. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an agreement with the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to provide a tourism program to serve all citizens of Elbert County. This is an annual contract agreement that is an extension of last year. As procedure, it is to be approved every year. This tourism program is funded by forty per cent (40%) of the Hotel/Motel Taxes.

Discussion and approval of an Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Elbert County to comply with the Georgia Department of Transportation EEOC Office. This is a requirement under Section 504 and ADA at 49 CFR Subsection 27.11 (c) (2) (iii) (iv) (v) & 28 CFR Subsection 35.150 (d). All counties were required to adopt this plan in 1995. It was discovered that there are counties that had not done this. Elbert County is one of those counties. All buildings must be ADA Compliant. We have to present a plan on how we will make them compliant and how long it will take to complete these changes. The ADA plan will let us know what to do, and Elbert County will be responsible for all costs. DOT can withhold funds if we do not comply. Commissioner Jones made a motion to move forward with getting in compliance for this plan. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval to continue support beyond the annual fee for "Keep Elbert County Beautiful", which will be certified following training. The Board of Commissioners is required to send a "continued support vote" to assist this program financially. Solid Waste will finance any needed funds. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to continue support to the "KEB" (Keep Elbert Beautiful) program. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and update regarding the Rock Gym Project. The contractors are saying that they will complete the work on the Rock Gym this week. Then the architect will return to go over the work and give his approval. It will be officially turned over to the County after all work is completed. It will then be up to the County to decide what to do with the Rock Gym. Do we rent it? If so, what will we charge? More tables and chairs will have to be purchased if we do rent. The Historical Society does not have the

funds for the upkeep and maintenance. Mr. Thomas said that he will attempt to get the minimum charge for utilities to keep it open.

Discussion and approval of a Resolution authorizing the participation of Oconee County in the Joint Development Authority of Northeast Georgia. All counties currently participating in the Development Authority of Northeast Georgia have to adopt a resolution to allow Oconee County to participate. There are benefits to being a member of the Authority. One being State grants give you extra points if you belong. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Resolution allowing Oconee County to participate in the Development Authority of Northeast Georgia. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. June 30th ended with the County 1.3% under budget. This was for the 2012-2013 budget year. Mr. Pitts anticipates it being even harder next year to stay within budget. He expects revenues to decline. E-911 budgeted \$350,000 this past year and ended with \$31,372, which is better than he expected. Solid Waste just did break even. In this department one of our biggest accounts is taking trash somewhere else. Mr. Pitts recommends amending the FY2013 budget by modifying the budgets to decrease/increase the department's budgets by the same amounts to make those over to be balanced. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Mr. Pitts recommendation to amend the FY2013 budget for **General Funds**. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve Mr. Pitts recommendation to amend the FY2013 budget for **Special Revenue Funds**. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve Mr. Pitts recommendation to amend the FY2013 budget for **Capital Projects and Enterprise Funds**. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Public comments on agenda items. There were no comments.

Executive Session for litigation and personnel. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter back into General Session. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

There was no action taken.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.