

**MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 9TH, 2012**

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

Pledge to the United States Flag and Invocation. After the pledge to the flag, the invocation was given by Bill Daughtry.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. At this time, Chairman Lyon made a motion to amend the agenda for two (2) items. Under Item 11B add "Approval to accept a grant, "2013 Human Services Resource Grant". Under Item 10, "Table Raising the price increase on blue and yellow bags." Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to amend the agenda with these two (2) items. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting June 11th, 2012, and Called Meeting June 27th, 2012. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Request from Sweet City Landfill, LLC for discussion and consideration of a proposed "Host Agreement" associated with a solid waste facility. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion not to enter into a "Host Agreement" with Sweet City Landfill, LLC; and, furthermore, to terminate the tolling agreement. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Rev. Barnett to speak about the Granite City Cook-Off. Rev. Barnett was not present at the meeting.

Approval of deed conveyed to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners from the Elbert County Board of Education for property at 45 Forest Avenue (Elbert County Government Complex). County Attorney Bill Daughtry informed the Board that we will also have to approve a sales contract. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the deed exchange between the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. On the approval of a "sales contract", Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the "sales contract". Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Change Order No. 5 for the Rock Gym Project. Change Order No. 5 will actually reduce the contingency by \$929.75. They want to change the floor tile in the lobby at a decrease of \$3,316.50. Incorporate the installation of underground electrical service to the new transformer will cost \$4,031.25. A water tap fee and patchwork will be an additional \$215.00. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve Change Order No. 5. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. At this time Commissioner Eaves questioned County Administrator Bob Thomas as to when the entrance drive between the Rock

Gym and the football field will be repaired. It has been torn up during the work to the Rock Gym. (A necessity doing the underground work.) He stated that the first football game of the season will be August 15th. He thinks that we should give them a deadline for the road repair by August 15th, 2012, and put this into a motion. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval to appoint Jim Stephens and Rickey Eckler to the Northeast Georgia Aging Services Advisory Council. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that both men have agreed to serve. The Council has quarterly meetings in Athens. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to approve Mr. Stephens and Mr. Eckler to represent Elbert County on this council. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Jones abstained.

Recommended changes to the Solid Waste Program and fee schedule changes. These changes need to be made in an attempt to get the Solid Waste Program back in the black by the end of this fiscal year, June 30th, 2012. Mr. Thomas requests August 1st, 2012, as the date for these changes to be in place. The recommended changes are as follows:

Convenience Center hours	Mon & Wed	7:00 – 6:00	Sat. 8:00 – 12:00
Brad Dixon Center	Wed	1:00 – 6:00	Sat. 8:00 – 12:00

Increase in tipping fee from \$48/ton to \$51/ton.

Commissioner Eaves made a motion to approve the changes to the Solid Waste Program. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to table the increase in price of the blue and yellow bags. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval to accept 506 Taggart Street property from James Willis. Mr. Willis now lives up North, and he has no relatives here. He wants to give this property to the County. It is located close to the EMS facility. The deed has already been drawn up. Commissioner Eaves made a motion to accept the property at 506 Taggart Street. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval to accept a grant titled “2013 Human Services Resource Grant” with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. This grant is for one year and can be renewed if we choose to do so. It is basically a Transpo program. The state is no longer going to provide vans for Advantage Behavioral. They have asked the Senior Center to take the transfers for them. Rebecca Stephens, Senior Center Director, informed the Board that if they do this, she will need to hire at least one part-time driver. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the acceptance of this grant. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by CFO Phil Pitts. As of June 30th, 2012, the 2011 Property Tax Digest had uncollected taxes in the amount of \$217,084.56. Tax Commissioner Lorrie Higginbotham plans to move forward with a Tax Sale in August. In our General Fund, on a cash basis, we budgeted \$9,798,271. We are slightly below at \$9,764,092. Mr. Pitts plans to start accruals in payables and expenditures, and he will adjust the reports as needed.

Public comments on agenda items. Chip Rousey came forward to thank the Board for their decision on the “Host Agreement” with Sweet City Landfill, LLC. He appreciates their consideration for the citizens of Elbert County.

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