

**Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 8th, 2015**

5:00 p.m.

A public hearing was held to hear proposed text changes to the Elbert County Code of Ordinances to add a new Chapter 66 "Elbert County Subdivision Ordinance". There was no one from audience to speak regarding changes to the Subdivision Ordinance.

5:15 p.m.

A public hearing was held for the purpose of approval and adoption of state-mandated fee increases by the Elbert County Health Department for residential septic tank inspections, food service inspections, tourist accommodations inspections and swimming pool inspections pursuant to environmental health regulations. There was no one from the audience to speak regarding the fee increases.

**Minutes
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Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0. Chairman Lyon then requested a motion to amend the agenda by adding 11A) Drug Court Grant 11B) Purchase of a used tractor for the Road Department 11C) Tax Anticipation Note and 13A) Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting on May 11th, 2015. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Reading of a Proclamation honoring Reverend W. L. Whelchel. Mr. Thomas read the proclamation honoring Reverend Whelchel for his faithful service to the Elbert County community for over 40 years. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Second reading on the revisions to the Elbert County Subdivision Regulations. This is the second reading as required to amend the Code of Ordinances of Elbert County to add a new Chapter 66 titled "Elbert County Subdivision Ordinance" and approve a resolution appointing an Administrative Official for purposes of enforcing the "Elbert County Subdivision Ordinance". Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 66 and approving a resolution to appoint an Administrative Official for the purposes of enforcing the new ordinance. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Second Reading on State-Mandated fee increases by the Elbert County Health Department. The governing authority of each county is required to approve and adopt fees as recommended by the State of Georgia for various services provided by the Health Department. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the state-mandated fee increase. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a contract with the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce to provide Tourism Services to Elbert County. The purpose of this agreement is to provide tourism services to enhance the economic opportunities of the citizens of the county using revenue from the Hotel/Motel tax. This is an amount equal to 40% of the revenue generated from the hotel and motel excise tax. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of bids for the EMS Department for 1 new ambulance and 1 remount for rescue truck. Emergency Vehicle Sales was the only vendor to respond to the bid request and the amounts are as follows: 1- 2015 F350 ambulance for \$135,313.00 and 1-F450 remount for \$107,471.00. These units will not be available until late fall. The funds for these units will come from the SPLOST account. Commissioner Harper made a motion to purchase the ambulance and remount. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of an acceptance of a Deed of Gift from the Centerville Community Center, Inc. of the property located at the corner of GA. Hwy. 77 North and Centerville Road, contingent upon the approval of the Elbert County Board of Education by virtue of their reversionary rights. It is the hope of the board that if approved, a new Fire Station will be built on the property next to the Recycling Center that is already located there. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve and accept the Deed of Gift contingent upon the approval of the ECBOE. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of a Resolution of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners approving and adopting the Indigent Defense agreement for the Northern Judicial Circuit for the fiscal year 2015-2016. This agreement is a yearly agreement shared with 4 other counties. Our share for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is \$80,982.62 or \$6,748.55 per month. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the budget of the Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Adult Felony Drug Courts grant for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. This grant was established 2 years ago. This grant is made to local courts and judicial circuits to establish specialty courts or dockets to address offenders arrested for drug charges or mental health issues. The budget for the 2015 -2016 grant period is \$124,793.00. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion

to approve the grant. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the purchase of a used tractor and side-arm for the Road Department. This purchase is for a used tractor and side-arm for \$42,500.00 and would benefit the county by having an extra mower. The road department already has the personnel to operate the mower; therefore there would be no additional expense of hiring someone. With the proceeds from the recent sell of the dirt pan and pickup truck for around \$26,000.00, the amount would come to around \$16,000.00. These funds would come from the SPLOST account. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to purchase the used tractor and side arm. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Tax Anticipation Note for 2015. This is a \$3,000,000 tax anticipation note with Pinnacle Bank under the same terms and conditions as the 2014 tax anticipation note. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Note. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report. Mr. Pitts stated that the county is close to budget at this time and that cash flow is good. Expenditures have increased from last year, and revenues are up and are slightly better than last year.

Public Comments. No public comments.

Executive Session for litigation. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter in executive session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Alexander made a motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lyon stated that no action was taken during executive session.

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