

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2014

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 Administrator Bob Thomas and County CFO Phil Pitts.

After the Pledge 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 called for a motion to amend the agenda by adding: 8a) Discussion concerning the BOE attorney's request for a Public Hearing before the transfer of five acres from the BOC to the BOE. 8b) Approval to change the monthly meeting date in April from the 14th to the 21st due to a conference for commissioners out of town. Last, under 10A, an Executive Session for litigation. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of minutes for Monthly Meeting February 10th, 2014. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Michael Rutherford, Chamber Chairman, to come before the Board with an update on Chamber events. Michael gave an update from September, 2013, through February, 2014. He stated that the Chamber continues to provide brochures, magazines, guides, t-shirts, tote bags, note cards, cook books and granite samples to our visitors. The most recent group they took on an Elbert County Tour was from Hoschton, Georgia. There were fifty-one in the group, and they had an enjoyable tour. The Historical Marker Project is still on going. There will be a "FLW Outdoor" Bass Fishing Tournament held on Lake Russell on April 5th. The 11th Annual Twilight Stroll by the Granite Bowl was held on January 10th, and there was a great turnout for that event. Closing, he thanked the Board for their continued support through the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds and for their personal involvement.

Request from the Jim-Ree Museum for \$2,500 from the Hotel/Motel Tax fund to help defray the cost of their annual Spring Festival to be held on May 10th, 2014. Mr. Jimmy White, President of the Jim-Ree Museum Board, informed the Board that the \$2,500 would cover such costs as advertising, needed materials and entertainment. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request of \$2500 to help cover these costs. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Review and approval of the revised Elbert County Subdivision Ordinance as approved by the Elbert County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has been working on these changes for many months. Mr. Thomas requested that this issue be tabled for six months while work is continued on this ordinance. It will then be brought back before the Board for approval.

Approval of a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) renewal for 2014 with Pinnacle Bank. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that there had been no changes made to this agreement. It will be at the same rate of 1.99%. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the TAN. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of a request from the Board of Education to hold a Public Hearing on the land transfer before the transfer can take place. The Public Hearing has to be attended by at least one representative from the county, and it will be held at the high school. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve a Public Hearing to take place at a later date. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Approval to change the April monthly meeting date. Due to a conference being held on April 14th, the request is for the monthly meeting of the Board to be on April 21st. The work session will be held on Thursday, April 17th. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve this change for the monthly meeting. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Finance Report given by Phil Pitts. According to Phil, there was \$21,159.07 in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund as of February 28th, 2014. So, we are ok in approving the request for \$2,500 for Jim-Ree. At the end of February our expenditures were 3.6% below budget. The Rec Department has a lot of expenses during ball season, which we are fixing to start. However, this levels off after the season is over. Revenues are coming in good for the Senior Center. Our Extension Office is over due to the move to Beaverdam School. Revenues were not good in the month of February, including taxes coming in. We received a prepaid wireless check in the amount of \$37,664, which put E-911 in a better financial position. Solid Waste is still struggling just to break even. SPLOST is running at 90% of what had been expected.

Public comments on agenda items. There were no public comments.

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

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

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

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