

**Minutes of Public Hearing  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
August 14, 2023**

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Discussion and approval of a request by Ryan Glenn to rezone 4 acres from A (Agricultural) to GB (General Business) to allow for a covered boat/RV storage facility. Located on Ruckersville Rd., Elberton, GA. Map and Parcel# 060 049. Planning & Zoning approved by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Glenn was in attendance and spoke on his behalf of the need for the rezone. There were no other comments.

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Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner David Hunt, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Mike Scoggins, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Allen Hulme, CFO Macie Witcher, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler and media.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add 15a) Discussion and approval of the reappointments of Mr. Rob Leverette and Mrs. Susan Fricks to the Elbert County Library Board, and Mr. Tyler Taylor asked to be moved up in order on the agenda. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Adoption of the Minutes of July, 10<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Scoggins seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comments.** Crystal Todd, Trudy Greenway and Max Black all spoke regarding the budget, animal control and property evaluations.

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**Discussion and approval of the FY2024 Budget.** Commissioner Scoggins made a motion to approve the FY2024 budget as it stands; seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freeman opposing.

**Mr. Tyler Taylor to present Elbert Memorial Hospital's fiscal year-end report.** Mr. Taylor presented the hospital's fiscal year-end report stating that revenues are down as expenses continue to rise.

**Discussion and approval of a Request to the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve all roads in Elbert County for speed Detection devices at the speed limits set in their outline.** Mr. Daughtry stated the DOT has completed the update for Elbert County Speed Zone Ordinance. There was a change in the speed limit leading to the new elementary school on Ruckersville Road. The speed limit changed to 45 MPH from Ridgeway Road to Lawrence Cecchini Road. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the updated speed zone ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Scoggins. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to nominate Commissioner Mike Scoggins as the voting delegate for the 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Commissioner Scoggins as the voting delegate; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Quitclaim Deeds to the former roadbed of Crystal Drive to adjoining property owners.** Mr. Daughtry stated at some point many years ago Crystal Drive was rerouted to where it enters onto Athens Highway and when that occurred the old roadbed was never changed. This Quitclaim deeds states we have no interest in the property. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Resolution Commemorating Black Business Month.** Mr. Daughtry read the Resolution commemorating August as Black Business Month and recognizing the many businesses owned by African Americans. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve this resolution; seconded by Commissioner Scoggins. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to surplus two (2) vehicles from the Senior Center:**

1997 Ford Crown Vic- Ser# 2FALP74W0VX116958

2006 Ford Crown Vic- Ser# 2FAFP71W93X111059

Mr. Hulme stated these vehicles are not running at this time but we will find the best option to get the most money, either by salvaging them or putting them on GOVDeals; even though that is not really an option if they are not in running order. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the vehicles listed as surplus; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed 5-0.

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**Mr. Taylor Hart to update the Board on Animal Control policies and procedures.** Mr. Hart gave an update on the current conditions of the animal control facility stating there have been major improvements. He is now issuing citations which was not done in the past. Also, there is a new vet that has signed on for a 1-year contract and through him there are a lot of connections for animal adoptions.

**Discussion and approval of the reappointments of Mr. Rob Leverette and Mrs. Susan Fricks to the Elbert County Library Board.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the reappointments of Mr. Rob Leverette and Mrs. Susan Fricks; seconded by Commissioner Hunt. The motion passed 5-0.

**Finance Report.** Ms. Witcher stated General Fund expenses thru July are under budget. Revenues are \$141,000 less than this time last year. Hotel/Motel fund is in good shape.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Scoggins. The motion passed unanimously.