

Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
October 10, 2023

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Discussion and approval of a request by Sue Kite to rezone approximately 4.188-acres from A (Agricultural) to R1 (Single Family Residential) and approximately 8.392-acres from A (Agricultural) to RR (Rural Residential). This request is to allow for an additional home to be placed on the property. Map and Parcel 020 031D. Planning and Zoning recommended approval by a 5-0 vote.

There were no public comments on these rezone requests.

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

After the pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by Commissioner Jones.

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Adoption of the Called Meeting of September 7, 2023 and the regular meeting of September 11, 2023. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Discussion and approval of a Resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia. Mr. Daughtry stated this is something that ACCG requested of every county since we are closest to the constituents and are on the "front-lines" of responding to mental health issues within the community. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve this Resolution. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of qualifications for a general contractor to build the new County Extension Office. Mr. Hulme stated we received six (6) RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for contractors and did score all of them and this will open up discussions to finalize costs of the building and to see if it fits within our budget. After scoring the contractors, it is his

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recommendation that we go with Brady Builders. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the recommendation of Brady Builders. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of a Beer & Wine license for Elberton Food Mart, LLC. Background check completed and taxes paid. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the license. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and approval of a request by the Sheriff's Department to order two (2) new vehicles using SPLOST funds. Mr. Darren Scarborough stated they ordered two (2) new Dodge Durango's about a year ago and it took 9-10 months to get them. He has reached out to Wade Ford that has some Ford Explorers in stock and are available now. He is requesting to purchase two (2) at a cost of \$46,607 each with an additional \$17,000 to have them equipped for a total of \$110,214, using SPLOST funds. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve this request from the Sheriff's Department using SPLOST funds. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Finance Report. Ms. Witcher stated General Fund expenditures are under budget thru September. General Fund revenues are looking ok; the 2023 SPLOST is starting to come in and build up and TSPLOST is looking ok and Hotel/Motel funds are in good shape.

Public Comments. Mr. Max Black stated some people in the county have expressed a need to get relief for senior property owners in the form of new property tax exemptions. He put together a proposed resolution; but Mr. Daughtry stated that on October 4th, the verbal resolution was already approved and a meeting has already been scheduled. Mr. Black stated there are other issues that deal with the fact that people are not getting the information relating to existing recommendations and the application process is complicated. He asked that the application process be made easier and information needs to be made more easily available to everyone. Rina Thomas asked about the Sheriff's vehicles that were purchased and the amount of the increase.

Adjournment. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed 4-0.