

Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
May 15, 2026

- 1) Vice-Chairman David Hunt called the meeting to order. 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. Chairman Lee Vaughn was absent.
- 2) After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.
- 3) **Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed 5-0.
- 4) **Public Comments on Agenda Items.** There were no public comments.
- 5) **Discussion and consideration of Health Insurance Benefits for county employees.** Hillary Mathis with MSI Benefits Group presented to the board the proposal for the 2026-2027 plan year. They were able to renew with Anthem for health, dental and vision coverage for about \$300,000 off of their initial quote. She stated that while the county's premium versus claims loss ratio for 2026 has improved to 79%, large claimant exposure continues. At this time, changing to a self-funded plan is not an option. The total annual plan premium will increase from \$1,928,688 to \$2,048,063, a 6.2% increase from the previous year. Mr. Hulme stated it is his recommendation to renew with Anthem for the upcoming plan year. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve Mr. Hulme's recommendation. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- 6) **Adjournment.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Scoggins. The motion passed unanimously.