

AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2009
5:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge and Prayer
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Adoption of Minutes - 12/08/08
- 5) Election of Vice-Chairman.
- 6) **Dan Walker of Walker & Associates** to give a review of 2008 Audit.
- 7) **Chris Quigley of Peoples & Quigley** to discuss a draft study of the County-wide water system.
- 8) **Judge Richard Campbell** to discuss a pay increase for **State Court Judge**.
- 9) Finance Report for December, 2008 and 2006 SPLOST.
- 10) Approval of Worker's Compensation Insurance Program - **ACCG and Franklin Insurance Company**
- 11) Approval of contract with **Sanborn Company** for aerial photography.
- 12) Approve bid for **Tax Anticipation Note**.
- 13) Rename Allen Lane to Allen Circle; naming of Allen Lane off Allen Circle.
- 14) Change in February Meeting date from February 9th to February 16th.
- 15) Public Comments on Agenda Items.
- 16) Adjournment.

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2009

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance County Administrator Bob Thomas gave the invocation. Those present were: Chairman Tommy Lyon, Vice-Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Frank Eaves, Commissioner W.D. Albertson, Commissioner John Hubbard, Commissioner Jerry Hewell, Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Judy Vaughn, Finance Director Daniel Goode and County Attorney Bill Daughtry.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The second reading of the Poultry House Ordinance was added to the agenda prior to adoption. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Eaves seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adopt the December minutes. Commissioner Albertson seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to leave Horace Harper as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Albertson made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Harper will remain Vice-Chairman.

2008 AUDIT REVIEW:

Dan Walker of Walker & Associates came before the Board to report on the recent audit. Elbert County is now out of a deficit fund balance. We have a \$218,790 positive fund balance. He recommends a goal of \$2.8 million dollar fund balance in the future. Mr. Walker commended Mr. Thomas and the Board for their hard work in obtaining this positive balance. Mr. Thomas, in turn, gave credit to the Department Heads for their part in making this possible.

PEOPLES & QUIGLEY - COUNTY WATER SYSTEM:

Chris Quigley came before the Board with two proposals for developing a water system in the County. A small project and a large project, \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 respectively. He suggests we start on the Bowman Hwy. with forty

customers and add more later. Through the grant phase, the small project would cost approximately \$69,000 and the large project \$90,000. This money will be recovered. We would need an operation agreement with Bowman for water in case of an emergency. Chairman Lyon says that we have to wait until we see what the Georgia Legislature is going to do, as far as what funding will be cut, before we proceed with this project.

PAY INCREASE FOR STATE COURT JUDGE AND STATE SOLICITOR:

Judge Richard Campbell came before the Board to request a pay increase of \$6,000 annually for himself and Gary Aston, Solicitor. There will have a resolution from the Board to give to Rep. Tom McCall to take to the legislature to be passed. Both men now make \$39,000 a year and this would increase it to \$45,000 a year. Judge Campbell says that a Superior Court Judge makes \$100,000 a year and a full-time State Court Judge makes 90% of that. Since he and Aston are part-time they are requesting half of that \$90,000. Their last increase was in 2004, and this one would not take effect until July, 2009. Mr. Aston stated that they could recoup some of this through fines. This request was tabled till the February meeting.

FINANCE REPORT:

County Administrator Bob Thomas gave the finance report. The biggest budget issue at this time is with the Registrar's and Election's budgets. This is due to the elections and run-offs. There is now the possibility of another election for the School Board that could cost another \$10,000. It was suggested that the Board of Education could be asked to fund this election. Any other department overages are small and can be worked through to get back in line. Homestead Exemption money, if approved, will not come in until February or March. This cuts tremendously into our cash flow. The December report for SPLOST and LOST was down 34%. However, our overall budget is in compliance, 8% above. Mr. Thomas told the Board that he had a Department Head meeting and challenged them to cut as much as possible in the next six months.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM:

Ben Pittarelli of ACCG came before the Board to support his bid for W.C. insurance. He stated that Elbert County went with ACCG in July of 1982, when they started. We are one of their founding members. Over the years, they haven given back to Elbert County \$286,431 in dividends on premium credits. In December, 2007, there was \$538,000 of equity in surplus. If we leave ACCG, the surplus stays and will be divided among the other counties. With Franklin Insurance Agency, there seems to be an issue with Dodge County and some

problems they had with their Worker's Comp coverage. This was tabled until the February meeting to give Mr. Thomas time to find out more about these problems. Commissioner Albertson made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Eaves seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTRACT:

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to accept the contract with Sanborn Company. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE:

Three bids were received on a Tax Anticipation Note. They were from Pinnacle Bank, Regions Bank and Northeast Georgia Bank. County Administrator Bob Thomas suggested going with Pinnacle Bank's Option B with a fixed rate of 2.5%. Vice-Chairman Harper made a motion to accept this bid. Commissioner Eaves seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

RENAMING ROADS:

E-911 Director Chuck Almond requested renaming Allen Lane to Allen Circle and then naming Allen Lane off Allen Circle. Commissioner Hewell made a motion to accept this request. Commissioner Albertson seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

CHANGE IN FEBRUARY MEETING:

Due to some of our Commissioner's being in Atlanta for the Legislative Session and having meetings scheduled with the LT. Governor, DNR Commissioner and DOT Commissioner they ask that we change our meeting date from February 9th to February 16th. Commissioner Albertson made a motion to make this change. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

SECOND READING ON POULTRY HOUSE ORDINANCE:

This second reading was for enactment. County Attorney Bill Daughtry read the parts of the ordinance that pertained to change. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adopt the new ordinance. Commissioner Albertson seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hewell opposing.

With there being no comments on the agenda items, Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Albertson seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.