



# ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

The Board of Elbert County Commissioners (BOCC) met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014 with roll call of members as follows:

**Robert Rowland- PRESENT**

**Kurt C. Schlegel- PRESENT**

**Larry D. Ross- PRESENT**

The BOCC convened at 9:03 a.m., Chairman Kurt Schlegel called the meeting to order.

Prayer given by Pastor Roger Miller of Elbert Christian Church

Pledge of Allegiance

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## **1. Agenda:**

- a. Commissioner Rowland moved to add item c. to Consent Agenda: approval of Annual Liquor License Renewal for Elbert Country Store.  
Commissioner Ross seconded.  
All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC adopt the Agenda as presented and amended.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

## **2. Correspondence: NONE**

- 3. Consent Agenda:** All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one (1) motion in the form below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on any item(s) and permitted by the Board, those items will be considered separately.

- a. Core Regional Mental Health Contract Amendment.
- b. Amendment for Task Orders #1; Immunization Contract with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
- c. Approval of Annual Liquor License Renewal for Elbert Country Store.



Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

#### **4. Awards/Recognition:**

- a.** Lore Denson (4-H Assistant for CSU Extension Office in Elbert County) introduced Kali Benson, Elbert County's newly hired Agricultural Agent who comes with a Master's Degree.

Ms. Denson provided an update on our local 4H Program:

Of the 359 enrolled members, several achieved top county placing in a variety of specialty contests which qualified them for a total of 101 entries in State Specialty Contests for 2014.

Extension took 107 general project exhibits to state fair this year. Many achieved top honors at state, one of which qualified for a National 4-H trip, Alexander Burns.

Elbert County has the best shooting sports program in the state with 139 4-H members enrolled in this project alone, with top champion placing this year at state competition and four of these state champions now qualify to go on to National level competition.

All of the Elbert County 4-H Clubs have made a "Pay It Forward" donation of \$300.00 in honor of each of the Commissioners to the Elbert County Coalition for Outreach (ECCO).

Ms. Denson then introduced three exemplary 4-H members:

1. Tawny Strachan
2. Katie Listul
3. Alex Burns

Each of these young people gave a short speech and then presented the BOCC with a wreath in recognition of their support of the Extension and the 4-H Program.



**5. Elected Official/Department Heads/Staff Report:** The Elected Officials, Department Heads and Staff Report comments is a time when any elected official or department head may bring forth items of interest or concern.

**a.** Dave Peontek provided an update on the Elbert County Sheriff's Posse including what types of services they perform. He then complimented Sheriff Heap for his professionalism and Lt. Schiefelbein for his management and leadership.

He advised the Sheriff's Office is forming an explorer post as an extension of the Boy Scouts of America but is open for boys and girls ages 14-20, which is an excellent opportunity for those possibly interested in law enforcement as a career.

All three Commissioners thanked the Elbert County Sheriff's Posse for what they do.

**b.** Commissioner Schlegel informed everyone that our Sheriff Heap has been selected as an instructor at the County Sheriff's Association of Colorado at this year's Sheriff's Academy.

**c.** Commissioner Rowland commented that he and Commissioner Ross attended an 8 hour accredited class last Thursday on water aquifer management, which he said had an amazing array of speakers and scientists and water experts.

Commissioner Rowland also advised he has scheduled his town hall meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 from 6pm to 8pm at the Pawnee Hills HOA Clubhouse and he will be publishing this information.

**6. Public Comment:** The public comment period is a time when any citizen may bring forth items pertaining to County business. During this time each individual will have three minutes to present their view(s) on County matter(s). In the interest of time, please have your comments prepared for presentation as each person will be allowed one (1) opportunity to approach the podium. Please keep your comments to a three (3) minute maximum. No formal action will be taken on these items during this time due to open meeting provision; however, the items may be placed on a future posted Agenda if action is required. The public comment portion of the BOCC meeting is not to be used for political or campaign purposes; comments and questions should be limited to matters of current County affairs and business. When you approach the podium please identify yourself, spell your last name and give your address.

7. Dan Mason – Kiowa stated that in light of the Governor of Colorado apologizing to the Indians on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado for the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864, he proposed that the BOCC proclaim a day of remembrance to not forget the settlers wronged by Indians in Elbert County so that we will not forget the history that is being ignored and forgotten by Gov. Hickenlooper and the Indians. Mr. Mason suggested June 11, 2015, the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Hungate Massacre here in Elbert County, as a day for this to take place. He also encouraged anyone interested to check out his website at [www.wakeupelbert.com](http://www.wakeupelbert.com) and click on the Indians tab.

Commissioner Rowland stated he felt Mr. Mason’s day of remembrance is a good idea and agrees it was inappropriate for the Colorado Governor to apologize to the Indians and feels it is more beneficial to have a day of remembrance instead.

Commissioner Schlegel stated he appreciated his concern and efforts and agrees history is very important, but feels we should be pursuing more current events, mentioning the Benghazi killings.

Commissioner Ross stated he looked forward to discussing this further with Mr. Mason and offering his perspective.

**8. Old Business: NONE**

**9. New Business:**

- a. Mr. Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC approve the Resolutions to adopt the 2015 Budget and Appropriate Funds for the 2015 Budget as presented.

He then provided an overview of the timeline for this budget:

1. Oct. 14, 2014 the BOCC received the preliminary draft budget and it was noticed in the paper there would be public hearing on Nov. 12, 2014 and a public hearing today (Dec. 10, 2014) for the proposed adoption
2. After the Nov. 12, 2014 public hearing, the budget was passed on to Poysti & Adams and Wells Fargo for their review and their comments were incorporated into the final proposed budget (which is before us today)

One of the newly budgeted items for 2015 is a line item in the general fund balance in the amount of \$180,000.00 of committed funds for future expenditures.

Commissioner Rowland clarified several items on the budget.



Commissioner Ross thanked Mr. Ehmann and staff for their work on this budget.

Mr. Ehmann presented the 2015 Budget numbers and noted that the appropriation numbers are identical and requested the BOCC approve the resolutions.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC adopt a Resolution to adopt the 2015 Budget and Appropriate funds for the 2015 Budget.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**No Public Comment**

Commissioner Schlegel closed the Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget and commented that Elbert County is now in the best position it has been in 7-8 years and thanked Ed Ehmann and his staff for their hard work.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- b.** Mr. Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC approve the Resolution for the 2015 Mill Levy Certification based on our assessed valuation of \$261,324,650.00 to produce \$7,351,585.00 in revenue.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC adopt the resolution for the 2015 mill levy certification.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner Rowland commented the Refunds/Abatements are variable from year to year.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- c.** Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC approve the Resolution to commit \$180,000.00 of the ending 2014 General Fund Balance to future expenditures.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC adopt a resolution to commit \$180,000.00 of the ending 2014 General Fund Balance to future expenditures.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

Mr. Ehmann clarified this used to be classified as "contingency Fund", but is now classified as "committed fund".

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.



- d.** Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC accept the bids for seven (7) Sheriff's Office vehicles with upgrades, for a total amount of \$356,000.00, which was originally budgeted for in 2014. He explained revenues were down in 2014 so those vehicles were not leased. They are now ready at this time for the lease vehicles (which are again budgeted) and the vehicles being replaced have already gone to salvage, surplus or reached 75,000 miles and moved on to the county pool.

Commissioner Rowland moved to adopt acceptance of bids for seven (7) Sheriff's Office vehicles and upgrades.  
Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner Rowland confirmed these vehicles were budgeted earlier this year but deferred until now.  
Commissioner Ross asked for a definition of "upgrade" on these seven vehicles. Mr. Ehmann explained it is the extra equipment such as cages, consoles, lights, decals, heavier alternator to handle additional electronic equipment, etc.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- e.** Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC accept the proposal from Kansas State Bank for financing of the seven (7) Sheriff's Office Department vehicles in the amount of \$356,000.00, to be paid in twenty (20) quarterly payments in the amount of \$18,766.73.

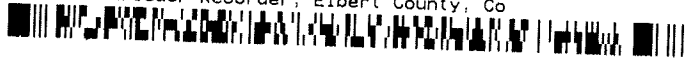
Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC accept the proposals from Kansas State Bank for financing on seven (7) Sheriff's Office Department vehicles.  
Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner Schlegel confirmed that BOCC approval of this agreement does not lock Elbert County into this agreement if for some reason we don't need the vehicles or can't afford the vehicles. Mr. Ehmann agreed, we just have to approve this agreement before the bank can approve the agreement, then it will come back before the BOCC for final approval.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- f.** Ed Ehmann (County Manager) requested that the BOCC approve the Resolution authorizing a County Credit Card account, adding the Credit Union is asking that the BOCC pass a resolution giving the County Manager the authority to oversee the account.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC approve the authorization of a County Credit Card account that Mr. Ehmann, County Manager will oversee.



Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner Ross asked what the limits are set at.

Mr. Ehmann advised those limits are currently already set at a total line of credit with this vendor at \$56,000.00. The majority of the cards have a cap set at \$2,500.00.

Commissioner Schlegel urged the county look at a different vendor in 2015 due to that cap and problems they have encountered in the past.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

## **10.Land Use:**

- a. Kyle Fenner (Director of Community and Development Services) presented the BOCC with a Request for Extension for Final Plat Time Period for Verde Ridge Estates, stating that staff and the Customer have agreed to continue this item to January or February. She advised it was important to bring this before the BOCC at this time with this request to extend so it could be shown that the customer met their deadline.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC grant a continuation for the Request for Extension for Final Plat time period for the Verde Ridge Estates. Commissioner Ross seconded.

Commissioner Schlegel asked how many extensions have been granted and how many are normally done.

Ms. Fenner: this will be the second.

Commissioner Schlegel asked if the customer is being charged a fee for each extension.

Ms. Fenner: No.

Commissioner Schlegel advised he is concerned that Staff has probably spent a great amount of time on this and exceeded the funds received for the initial application fee. He questioned at what point do we tell the applicant they are going to have to re-apply?

Ms. Fenner advised we could tell the applicant this, and we could even revisit the establishment of an extension fee.

Commissioner Schlegel then advised it was his opinion to not grant another extension because of the length of time already expended on this and suggested if the applicant wants to continue this project to just re-apply.



Commissioner Rowland stated due to a void in the County's regulations as to how many times an application can be extended, he is inclined to agree to extend one more time; but review what they think needs to happen if this ever occurs again in the future.

Commissioner Ross stated he was for continuing this matter to a future meeting, but hopes the recommendation is consistent and in line with our current Zoning Regulations.

Commissioners Rowland and Ross voted AYE.

Commissioner Schlegel voted Nay. Motion passed.

**11. Wade Gateley, Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners: NONE**

**12. Final Item of New Business:**

- a. Chairman Kurt Schlegel moved to transfer the BOCC Chair position effective Jan. 13, 2015 8:00 a.m. to Commissioner Rowland for the purpose of opening the Jan. 14, 2015 BOCC Meeting, and conducting business until the new Chair and Vice Chair are elected.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

ALL three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

Commissioner Rowland thanked Kurt Schlegel for the service and leadership he has given while he was Chairman.

Commissioner Rowland moved to adjourn the Dec. 10, 2014 Board of County Commissioners Meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 a.m.**





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**ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**

Kurt C. Schlegel, Chairman

Robert Rowland, Vice Chair

Larry D. Ross, Commissioner

ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder

County Clerk

BY:

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

