

# ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

The Board of Elbert County Commissioners (BOCC) met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 with roll call of members as follows:

**Robert Rowland- PRESENT**

**Kurt Schlegel- PRESENT**

**Larry Ross- PRESENT**

The BOCC convened at 9:02 a.m., Chairman Kurt Schlegel called the meeting to order.

Prayer given by Pastor Chuck Norwood of Bible Missionary Church

Pledge of Allegiance

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**1. Agenda:**

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC accept the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded. All 3 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. Approval of minutes from Jan. 29, 2014.**

**b. Request for release of \$2,500.00 in Escrow Funds to Enertia Consulting Group LLC for Mustang Creek LLC (Prescott Ranches) Project.**

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded. All 3 Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

**4. Awards/Recognition: NONE**

**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. Sheila Kelley, Director of Elbert County Extension Office gave an update on events coming up, and commented March is going to be busy.  
Commissioner Rowland asked where the events schedule can be found.  
Ms. Kelley: on the County Website.
  
  - b. Kyle Fenner, Director of Community and Development Services gave an update on her Department and advised everyone that on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, the State adopted much stricter air quality standards regarding the oil and gas industry.  
Commissioner Rowland commented on the new Air Emissions Law in Colorado which reduces Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions in the oil and gas industry up to 95%.
  
  - c. Ed Ehmann, Director of Public Works gave an update on the Road and Bridge Department and thanked his staff for a job well done.
  
  - d. Commissioner Schlegel commented Homes for our Troops will be holding a key ceremony for Sgt. Gabe Martinez on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Elkhorn Ranch.  
Commissioner Rowland commented he attended a Homes for Our Troops event and stated it was very inspirational.
  
  - e. Commissioner Schlegel advised everyone that tomorrow is Attorney to the BOCC Alex Beltz's last day with Elbert County Government. Commissioner Schlegel publicly thanked him for the time and support he provided.  
Commissioners Rowland and Ross also publicly thanked Attorney Beltz.
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.



- a. Christopher Kelly, Eagle Scout candidate, gave a presentation on a proposed project to erect two monuments on the County Courthouse Grounds; one to commemorate those who traveled through what is now Elbert County along the Trappers Trail, and a smaller monument to honor the men and women from Elbert County who have served in the armed forces of the U.S. Military. Chris Kelly was accompanied by his Eagle Project coach, Lynn Southam, and his Grandfather Michael Erikson.

**7. Old Business: NONE**

**8. New Business:**

- a. Rick Pettitt, Elbert County Treasurer requested that the BOCC approve the unaudited six (6) month report ending Dec. 31, 2013 that he is presenting them today.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC accept the Treasurer's six (6) month report as presented. Commissioner Ross seconded. All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- b. Ed Ehmann, Director of Public Works requested that the BOCC approve the lease/purchase of four (4) Motor Graders from Honnen Equipment for 2014.

Commissioner Ross confirmed this is part of the rotational buy-back program at Road and Bridge and asked Mr. Ehmann when the first trade-in is due. Mr. Ehmann replied: Right now and the last one will be in October. This expense has been budgeted and allocated.

Commissioner Schlegel asked if John Deere was the low bid.

Mr. Ehmann: No, Volvo had the lowest bid, but John Deere had the highest buy-back guarantee and works well with the County. John Deere also has "J D Link" which ties the machine directly to the manufacturer, so if it sends a code directly to the manufacturer, they analyze it and drive out with the part instead of coming out, checking the code, going back for the part and then bringing the part back

Commissioner Schlegel: Will you take possession of the new machines as the old ones "term out"? And will the BOCC have to do approval for each contract or will this take care of that now.

Mr. Ehmann: Each machine will be replaced as it terms out and each contract will come before the BOCC separately.



Commissioner Ross asked Mr. Ehmann how he views the credibility of the County to pay back the \$600,000.00 loan to Road and Bridge on time.

Mr. Ehmann: Because he was directly involved in that transaction, he feels very positive about it. It is not an unfair practice and it is not jeopardizing Road and Bridge operations or Elbert County taxpayers.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC approve the bid for four, five year/7,500 hour lease purchases for 2014 772GP John Deere motor graders as submitted by Honnen Equipment company for a total cost of \$1,080,757.00, with a guaranteed buy back of \$235,000.00 per motor grader. Down payment will be in the form of trade in of four 2010 JD772GP motor graders in the amount of \$720,000.00. The total amount to be financed will be \$360,757.00. Quarterly payments in the amount of \$4,850.00 per motor grader will be funded out of the Fund 20 approved budget under leases.

Commissioner Ross seconded. All 3 Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

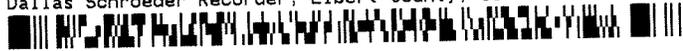
- c. Kari May, Director of Elbert County Library District gave an annual update on the Elbert County Libraries.
- d. Jen Grote, Director of Information Technology requested that the BOCC approve salvage of listed I.T. equipment which holds no value, and has been utilized beyond its life expectancy.

Commissioner Schlegel confirmed with Ms. Grote that all hard drives will be removed prior to disposal.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC declare the list of certain county property within the I.T. Department, as itemized by County staff, as salvage property of the County and approve of its disposal.  
Commissioner Ross seconded. All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

- e. Commissioner Schlegel spoke in favor of and requested that the BOCC approve the appointment and engagement of Ed Ehmann for County Manager Services.

Commissioner Ross commented that while he holds Mr. Ehmann in the highest regard, his original priority was to direct resources toward a local team and increase better accountability to the citizens instead of passing a resolution to create a County Manager position, and stated he would discourage the BOCC from doing this at this time.



Commissioner Rowland spoke in favor of Mr. Ehmann filling this position and recognized the hard work Mr. Ehmann has actually already put into what a County Manager would do.

Commissioner Rowland moved that the BOCC appoint Mr. Ed Ehmann to serve as the Elbert County Manager and approve and execute the Engagement of Services with Mr. Ehmann.

Commissioner Schlegel seconded.

Ed Ehmann commented the Staff Team getting them to this point has been great and are all willing to work together as a team.

Commissioners Rowland and Schlegel voted AYE. Commissioner Ross voted NAY. Motion passed.

**9. Land Use: NONE**

**10. Alex Beltz, Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners:**

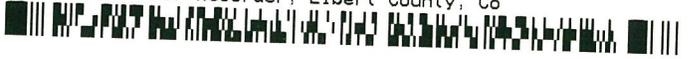
- a.** Attorney Beltz thanked all the people he has worked with for almost 2 years and recognized and thanked the original BOCC who hired him.

Commissioner Rowland moved that this meeting of Feb. 26, 2014 be adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Commissioner Ross seconded.

All three Commissioners voted AYE. Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**

**Kurt Schlegel, Chairman**

**Robert Rowland, Vice Chair**

**Larry Ross, Chairman**

**ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder**

**County Clerk**

**BY:**

**Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners**

