



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
July 25, 2017 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stan Helton call the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

The invocation was led by Lane Bishop and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Brian Rogers spoke representing the My Mountain Phases 1 Community. Mr. Rogers gave a brief history of the community and requested that the roads in the area be taken over by the county.

Carol Chamberlin of Sunset Trail began by saying she did not believe that Sunset Rd was being maintained and requested that it be a candidate for the chip and seal. Ms. Chamberlin also had concern that the road was dangerous and several accidents had happened. In closing, she requested that another road, Sunset Trail be included on the county road list.

Anne Seay wanted to thank Chairman Stan Helton for attending the Rotary Meeting and filling citizens in on some of the things happening in the county. Ms. Seay also thanked Commissioner Johnson for being involved with the First Foundation that supplies free books for children from the age of birth to 5 years of age.

Ralph Garner spoke on two topics. First topic was the spec building on Hwy 5. Mr. Garner asked the Board to lend its oversight to the tax concessions that he said would likely be offered to the occupants. Secondly, Mr. Garner asked for the invoices over \$4,500.00 be given to all that requested, free of charge.

Last to speak was Miranda Dyer. Ms. Dyer lives on October Lane and addressed the Board concerning a neighbor that is blocking part of her driveway with a trailer. This is of great importance Ms. Dyer stated, as she is disabled and has a brain tumor and must have emergency personnel come to her home from time to time.

Public Commentary closed at 5:32PM

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Helton began new business with addressing the need to expand the Tax Assessors Board. Chairman Helton made a motion to go forth and sign a resolution to expand the Tax Assessors Board from 3 members to 5 members. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton made a motion to appoint John Mark Henson to the Tax Assessors Board to a 4-year term. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Troy Junnier to the Tax Assessors Board to a 3-year term. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Woody addressed the board concerning the condemnation of 188 Riverside Lane. Ms. Woody stated that the concerns with the neighbor's septic tank had been resolved and requested to move forward with the bid of \$7500 for the tear down. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Woody also mentioned that 6 new home permits had been issued for the month and that the tire grant application had been mailed.

Ken Petty addressed the Board concerning the jail's air conditioner compressor. Mr. Petty received one quote from Tri-State Heating and Air in the amount of \$5,340.00.

Commissioner Johnson stated he was concerned that only one bid was received. Commissioner Johnson stated with all the dealers in the area that we should be receiving several bids.

Mr. Petty stated he did not go out of the bids that he remained in the county and that Tri-State Heating and Air was the only dealer in the area that had the knowledge to work on Trane.

Next, Mr. Petty addressed the bid that was received to extend the back of Animal Control with foundation and walls to extend dog runs. The single bid was from Lord Foundations in the amount of \$19,160.00.

Lastly, Mr. Petty stated that he had received 2 bids for replacing the roof on the Maintenance Building.

Bid from Gary Barnes was for \$8,224.21 and the bid from Bobby Hensley was for \$12,600. Commissioner Johnson stated he felt that a scope of work needed to be given so that we could compare bids properly.

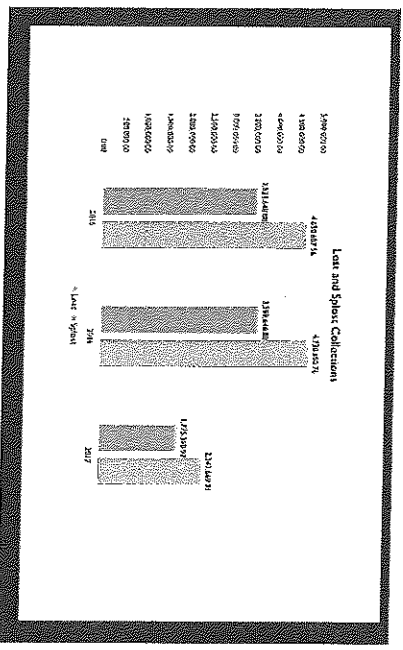
Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the compressor for the jail in the amount of \$5,340. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton stated that the Animal Control project and Maintenance Building roof should be tabled until more bids are received as well as a scope of work.

Next item on the agenda was a Transit Operating Program (MATS Buses) contract in the amount of \$124,109.00. Contract is a grant that provides 50% participation of federal funds. Chairman Helton made the motion to approve contract. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passes unanimously.

Robin Gazaway, Finance Director present the county budget as of July 18, 2017, as follows:

Category	Amount	Percentage
Administration	\$4,312,176	72.2%
Judicial	\$2,153,443	50.6%
Public Safety	\$10,375,077	44.1%
Debt	\$1,122,174	50.4%
Community Services	\$94,834	50.8%
Grants	\$200,000	23.2%
Hotel/Rd	\$1,000,000	47.2%
Public Works	\$6,973,503	37.1%
Total	\$27,131,307	47.3%



Last on the agenda was the subject of county roads. Chairman Helton stated Fannin County has 415 county road that encompasses 443 miles. Of the 415 roads 58% were paved and 42% were gravel.

Commissioner Johnson spoke up and said that he did think it was time to accept some new roads, but not take over anyone's headache. In closing, Commissioner Johnson stated that the county did not need to accept any roads without the proper right-a-way. Commissioner Johnson stated that the roads should have 2 foot shoulders and 18 foot roads and if roads don't meet those standards than they should not be considered for being listed as a county road.

Commissioner Sosebee agrees that we need to keep the moratorium. Commissioner Sosebee stated that the Board meet again in January with the ones requesting to be placed on county road list and see if all stipulations have been met.

Chairman Helton followed with saying that the 2017 General Fund Budget for Public Works was cut 11% this year and the SPLOST going forward was cut from 68% to 58% for public roads. Personnel had gone from 53 to 39 which is 20% reduction at the Road Department. Chairman Helton went on to say that in March of 2002 there was an ordinance that was passed that specifies what the standards are for right a ways, road surfaces and erosion standards. Chairman Helton ended saying to be fair we need to look at standards that are already in play and continue the moratorium and not add or reject any roads on the road list. Chairman Helton made a motion to continue indefinitely the moratorium on adding or deleting county roads. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Helton asked if executive session was needed and the Board agreed they did not.

CLOSING

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Helton made second. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:38.

Sean Helton, Chairman

Ray Johnson, Post One Commissioner

Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Karen Jones, County Clerk