



Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Jury Assembly Room  
July 11, 2017 at 5:15pm

**OPENING REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve minutes from the June 27, 2017 meeting and workshop. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Bill Odendahl of 184 Cherokee Trail spoke and asked for Cherokee Trails to be moved to the county road list to be maintained.

Caroline Massey of 155 Trails Ends spoke and asked for Trails End in Epworth to be placed on the county road list.

Ken Williams of 88 Meadow Lane. Asked for the Board to not discontinue replacing the convex mirrors. That it was a matter of public safety.

Joe Webb of Dial. Stated he thought 5:15pm was not convenient for meeting time. Also, asked why the public could not get the same information as the Board receives. Thought that county should have a single document charter.

Public Commentary closed at 5:26pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Variance request made by Timothy P and Jeanie L. May to build a garage 30 feet from the edge of Chickadee Drive in Scenic Heights Subdivision Lot #11. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve variance, second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Beasleybow LLC to place a house 5 foot from the property line. Per subdivision covenants and restrictions this is allowed. County Attorney, Lynn Doss said no neighbor letter is required because neighboring lot is vacant. The previous house on lot burned and the house will be rebuilt in same spot. Commissioner Johnson questioned why a variance was request if it is stated as being allowed in the neighborhood covenants. Keith Nicholson of the Land Development Department stated that it was formally and that variance would be filed with the deed. Commissioner Johnson requested, that it be recorded, in the minutes that he still opposes anyone building 5 feet from the property line as he did two months ago, Chairman Helton also agreed with Commissioner Johnson. Chairman Helton made motion to approve variance, second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Variance passes unanimously.

Variance request made by Jon Graves to place a garage 44 feet from the edge of Black Gum Lane at point where garage touches house, 34 feet from the center of the garage to the edge of the road, and 17 feet from the edge of the road to the closest corner. Chairman Helton asked if anyone opposed the variance and several in the audience were against. Chairman Helton stated that he had been to location several times and that he felt it would be a safety hazard. Also, it was stated that he had begun work before obtaining the proper variance approvals. Mr. Graves had been asked to reverse work that he had done and he had not complied. Chairman Helton made a motion to deny variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Woody of Land Development received one bid for the removal of 188 Riverside Drive. Bid amount is \$7500.00. Mrs. Woody mentioned there is a concern with the location of the neighbor's septic tank. Chairman Helton asked for more information be obtained before approval and asked for the matter to be addressed on the July 25, 2017 agenda.

Mrs. Woody also reported on building permits. She stated that as of July 11, 2017, that two building permits had been issued for new homes.

Mrs. Woody went on to discuss the Scrap Tire Grant. Commissioner Sosebee said a used tire event would help in the short term to rid the county of unwanted tires but a long term solution needed to be researched. The used tire event was tentatively slated for October 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017 and would be set upon approval of the grant. Citizens would be limited to dispose of a maximum of 10 tires a day and record would be kept to prevent abuse of the program. It was stated it would cost the county approximately \$1450 to dispose of approximately 1000 tires.

Zack Ratoliff, Public Works Director stated a need for a new mower to replace an older mower that has experienced a lot of down time. State Contract price for a new mower is \$21,150. Commissioner Sosebee motioned to approve purchase. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Eddie O'Neal, Recreation Department Head stated that fall sports had started and that they had 147 kids signed up for football. O'Neal said they this was the most that they had registered in the last five years and could have teams from 6-year-olds to 7th Graders.

Concerning the river parks, O'Neal contacted TVA and they have agreed to purchase \$14,000 worth of animal proof trash cans and will have those shipped to us. They will be distributed between Tammen, Horseshoe Bend and Curtis Switch Parks.

Kiwanis contacted O'Neal and was interested in obtaining some bleachers. O'Neal proposed a lease of a \$1.00 a year, for two sets of bleachers that were not being used by the Rec Dept. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Commissioner Sosebee made second. Motion passed unanimously.

O'Neal's final request was concerning the non-resident fee to use the Rec. Center and stated that the matter had already been discussed with the Rec. Board. He proposed an option of an annual fee of \$250 (rather than \$.50 per visit) that could be split in two payments if necessary for those non-residents. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve annual fee. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Gazaway requested to change the county financial software from Harris to Caselle. Gazaway stated that the county has already paid over \$20,000 this year due to training not including software and over \$12,000 on the maintenance agreement with Harris. With the proposed company maintenance fees are only \$5,000 a year and would not be charged anything additional for calls or changes to reports. Gazaway stated with Harris the county was charged each time they were contacted and that the response time was days. Gazaway said within 4 years the county would be able to recoup the new software cost. Gazaway said that the purchase of the new software would save money in the long run and customer service would be greatly improved. Chairman Helton Made a motion to approve the purchase of the new software. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Commissioner Johnson opposed. Motion carried.

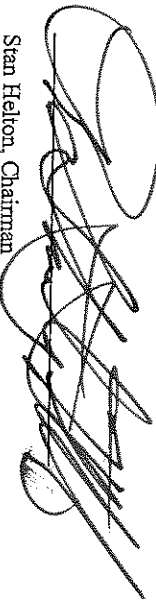
Next on the agenda was the consent agenda for the EMA/EMS from the previous workshop meeting. Chairman Helton made a motion for the consent agenda to move forward. Second made by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

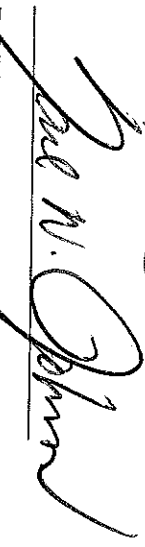
Chairman Helton asked if the board needed Executive Session and they agreed they did not.

#### CLOSING

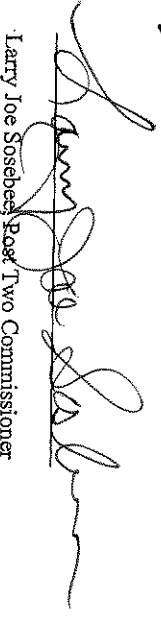
Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn meeting. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.



Stan Helton, Chairman

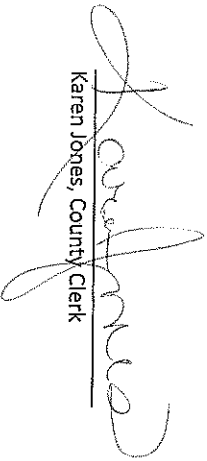


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk