



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
June 27, 2017 at 6:00pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stan Helton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

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

Chairman Helton made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Robin Gazaway and to move Dawn Cochran from the Tax Assessors Office up on the agenda. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve, Chairman Helton made second and motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Helton made a motion to appoint Karen Jones as Fannin County Clerk. Commissioner Larry Joe Sosebee made a second. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve minute from the June 13, 2017 meeting. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Andy Owen of Copper Creek Crossing. Requested that the county take over Copper Creek and Anglers Alley. Mr. Owens said that the residents have signed over rights of the roads to the county. He mentioned that people that wanted to live in the area could not, because they couldn't obtain loans due to road conditions. He also stated that the one lane bridge on the road flooded due to debris from the national forest and the residents didn't have the capability to clear it out.

Thomas Watson of Morganton expressed concern about Burgess Gap area needing maintenance. Mr. Watson also requested that the road be added to the county road list.

Henry Fehrmann of 226 Rocky Rd. Concerned about the end of Burgess Gap on the Hwy 76 end. Fehrmann is also asking for the Burgess Gap Road to be adopted again by the county.

Mr. Ralph Garner spoke on several subjects including Brenda Weaver, appreciation of the Board of Commissioners, the new Fire Station, and the overhaul of the Road Department.

Marcella Olsteen expressed concern over the potential time change of the Board of Commissioners Meetings.

Joe Webb challenged the BOC to do the budget and accounting in public as the Community Theater does.

Debbie Holcomb spoke on the check over \$4500. Stated she thought this needed to be on the agenda to exhibit transparency. Ms. Holcomb also disagreed moving the BOC meeting time.

Chairman Helton closed public commentary.

NEW BUSINESS

Dawn Cochran of the Fannin County Board of Assessors gave an update. Ms. Cochran stated that the 2013 Dept. of Audit Sales Ratios as follows: Over all Ratio: 35.31, Residential Ratio: 35.49, COD: 19.54 and the PRD:105.02. The 2016 Dept. of Audit Sales Ratios are as follows: Over All Ratio: 38.79, Residential Ratio: 38.45, COD: 14.90 and PRD: 102.89. All Ratios improved from 2013 and are now in an acceptable range. Ms. Cochran also stated the appeals process was going very well and approximately 250 appeals were received.

Union Hill Baptist Church made a variance request to build a Sunday school room 30 feet from the edge of Weaver Creek Rd. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve. Chairman Helton made second. Motion carried unanimously.

Variance request made by Joel Daniel Allen and Deborah J. Allen. The Allen's made the request to build a new home including porch, 35 feet from the edge of Highland Gap, in the Highlands Phase 2 S/D, Lot # 19. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnny Pitman and Jerry Hensley made a variance request to place a house 30 feet from the edge of Chickadee Drive, in Scenic Heights Subdivision. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sosebee made second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Woody of the Land Development office reported on condemnations as follows:

- Bell Lane property is heir property and as soon as the estate is settled the house will be taken care of. Family has Mowed and cleaned up around house.
- Mobile Road -has been torn down.
- Bids are also being accepted for the tear down of 188 Riverside Lane until July 10th. Bids will be presented at the July 11th meeting.
- Also, a new condemnation was presented but address was not given, only that it was in Mobile area.

Mrs. Woody also reported on residential building permits as follows:

- 24 building permits were issued in June.
- 126 for the year.
- 5 short from this time last year.

Next on the agenda, Robin Gazaway gave a summary of the budget.

Section	Budget Expenditures	Budget Actuals CO BTRC	Percentage
Administration	\$4,332,176	\$2,064,682.79	47.6%
Judicial	\$2,153,443	\$852,320.10	39.6%
Public Safety	\$10,375,077	\$3,359,013.37	32.4%
Debt	\$1,122,174	\$565,303.70	50.4%
Community Services	\$942,834	\$357,258.07	37.9%
Grants	\$230,000	\$51,732.11	22.5%
Tourism	\$1,000,000	\$406,165.99	40.6%
Public Works	\$6,975,503	\$2,061,241.09	29.5%
Total	\$27,131,207	\$9,717,717.22	35.8%

Mrs. Gazaway stated that she supplies each department with a monthly budget report and all departments are spending approximately what they are supposed to be spending.

The Water Authority budget (July 1-June 30, 2018 budget) was presented to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve budget. Chairman Helton made the second. Motioned passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the subject of meeting time of the Fannin County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Helton approved the meeting time to be moved to 5:15PM on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

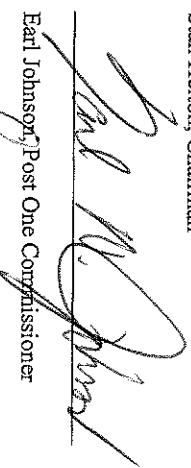
CLOSING

With no further business, Chairman Helton called for a motion to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

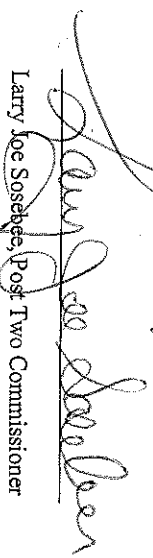
Stan Helton, Chairman



Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:

Karen Jones, County Clerk

