



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Jury Assembly Room

October 10, 2017 at 5:15pm

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LEGISLATION CHANGES

Called to order at 5:15pm

Chairman Helton read the following:

Resolve to amend current legislation to amend section 10-Disposition of County Property to add the following: Line 217 County; or shall be offered for sale via online competitive online, live or similar auction."

Section 16 Budget and appropriations, Line 267 Substitute "by" for the word "at", so that the sentence reads, adopted or amended by the commission by the first regular meeting in December following...

Chairman Helton then opened floor for commentary.

Joe Webb spoke and stated he did not agree with the "at" to "by" word change because it did not allow public knowledge of when budget was to be accepted.

Public commentary was then closed. Chairman Helton made motion to change local legislation. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:20. The invocation was led by Lane Bishop and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve minutes for the September 26, 2017 minutes. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Webb approached the podium again and had three concerns. First, the crosswalk at Shallowford Bridge and Aska Rd needed to have crosswalk repainted. Second, Said Commission had not written a Chairman Narrative. Third, changes in budget not sent to superior court. Public Commentary was then closed.

NEW BUSINESS

First, to the podium in new business was Nicole Potzauf director of Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association. Potzauf reported that the Art Center had 2000 visitors for the month of September and presently has 149 art students and approximately 238 art classes have been held this year. The Art Center is presently showcasing Southern Appalachian Artist Guild Show. Potzauf thanked the Commission for closing early on Friday, 13th of October to allow artists to set up for the big Arts in the Park Fall Event. Stated in previous years the event has drawn in over 8000 in attendance.

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Center Network presented the Commission with a proclamation to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This was signed and pictures were made my media.

The Development Authority reappointments were next on the agenda. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Billie Queen for another 3-year term. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Marilyn MacNeil for another 3-year term. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Angela L. Smith, that was previously tabled in prior meeting, due to some further planning that was needed. Smith is proposing a garage be built 17.3 feet from the existing edge of Campbell Camp Circle. Improvements also include a permanent berm and retaining walls. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve variance request. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Toccoa River Dreams LLC to build new home with porch 35 feet from the edge of Toccoa River. On the contingency that the property owner build rock retaining wall on river bank. Chairman Helton stated that the county requires a 50-foot buffer from the river and he did not approve variance. Chairman Helton made a motion to reject variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously. Variance denied.

Variance request made by Paul and Ruth Roth to place a garage, 25 feet from the edge of Rocky Point Drive. Rocky Point Drive is a private road. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda was a resolution to apply for a walking path grant for Horseshoe Bend Park. If the grant is obtained, it would help make improvements such as restrooms and the walking path. Commissioner Johnson stated that he believed Horseshoe Bend Park was the "Jewel" of Fannin County. Chairman Helton made a motion to pass resolution to apply for grant. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Helton asked if there was a need for executive session. All agreed that there was no need.

CLOSING

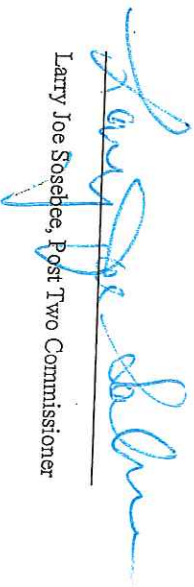
Meeting closed at 6:12PM



Stan Helton, Chairman

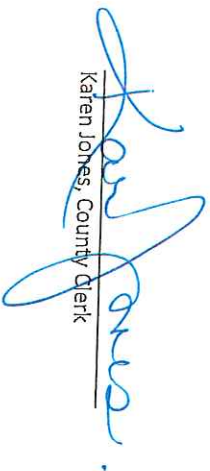


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosabee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk