



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
February 27, 2018 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting. Chairman Helton made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Noah Simms of the Epworth stated his concern about the security at the courthouse.

Joe Webb of the Dial area voiced concern over budget changes, personnel changes, the agenda and the County Attorney.

Public Commentary closed at 5:26pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Nicole Potzauf address the Board concerning the Blue Ridge Mountain Art Association. Stated approx. 41,000 guests had visited the Association in 2017 and 580 had visited in the month of January. Also, mentioned was that the facility was opened 52 hours a week and had night hours to accommodate community groups, yoga, art classes and dance classes.

The Art Association will be hosting the young artists of the community and will include Copper Basin in the month of March. Other Upcoming events are May 26-27 Arts in the Park, April 18 UNG Lunch and Learn.

Variance request made by Watkins Home Builders to build home 27 feet away from Bill Claypool Dr. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

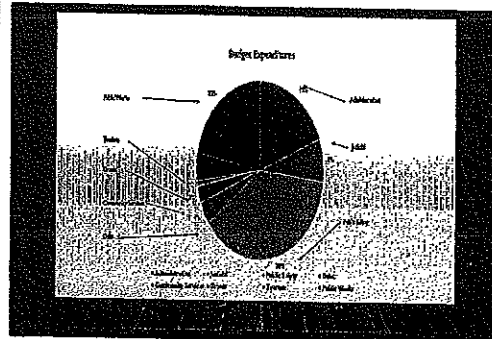
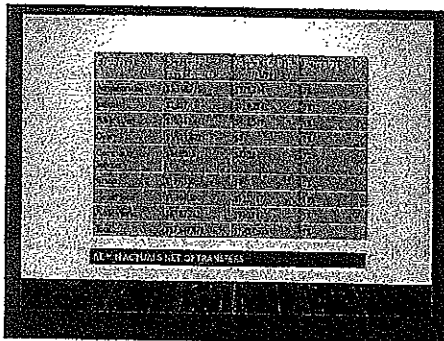
Robert Graham EMA Director addressed the Board on the progress of the Public Safety Complex. Graham stated concrete floor and structural steel had been installed. Contractor informed Graham that he felt that completion would be between May and June.

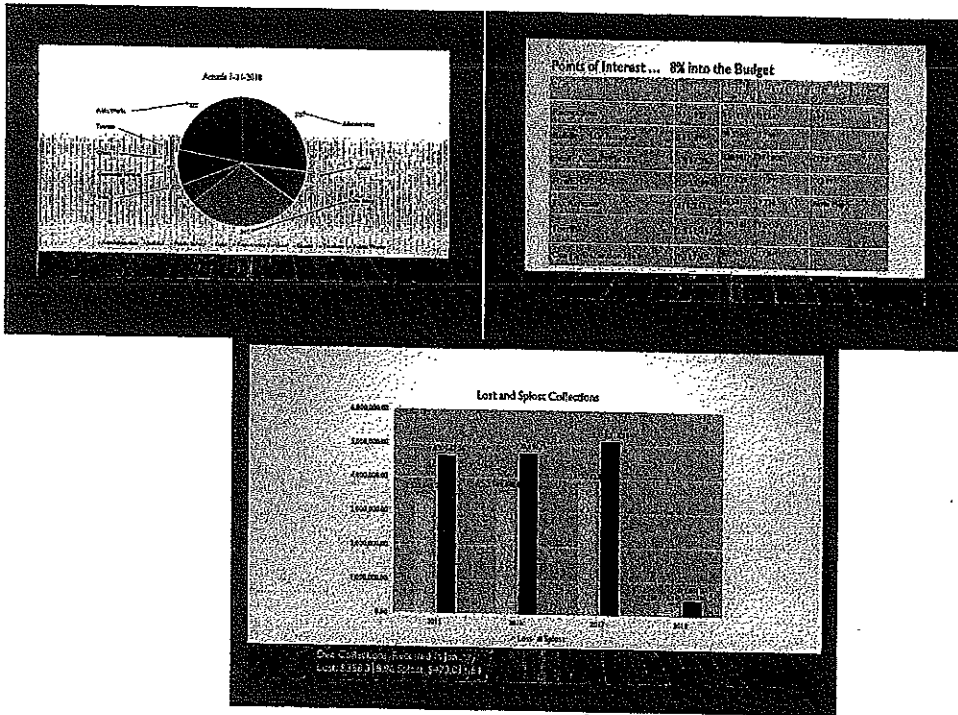
Graham also stated, that a Trauma Grant was received and new laptop computers were able to be purchased for the ambulances.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Helton thanked Lane Bishop for his work with the Tax Assessors Board and stated that his appointment was ending on 2/28/2018.

Chairman Helton made a motion to appoint Angelina Powell to replace Bishop on the Assessors Board. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously. Term will be a four-year term beginning March 1, 2018.

Robin Gazaway, County Financial Officer gave the budget report as follows:





Last on the agenda, was Eddie O'Neal from the Recreation Department. O'Neal stated registration for spring sports was around 700 children so far.

O'Neal asked for approval to apply for an ARC grant. This grant is a federal grant and the county could possibly obtain it quicker than the state grant. This grant is a 70% grant and 30% of county funds. Motion made by Chairman Helton to apply for grant. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

O'Neal informed the Board of mowing bids that he had received. This would be to mow Horseshoe Bend and Horseshoe Bend and to clean bathrooms. Bids were as follows:

4V Ranch \$2200.00
 SDC \$2100.00
 Farmers \$1900.00
 Go Property \$1800.00

Commissioner Johnson stated he would like to find out who all the bidders are and gather more information concerning quality of work. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to table decision until the next meeting. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

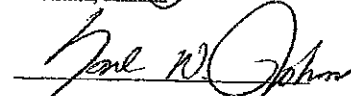
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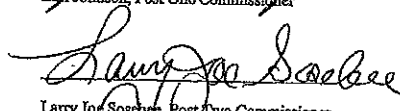
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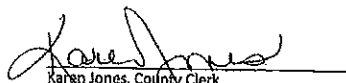
Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passes unanimously.


 Stan Helton, Chairman


 Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


 Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


 Karen Jones, County Clerk