



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
December 12, 2017 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 made a motion to approve minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Webb voiced concern over local legislation.

Jan Eaton addressed her concern over the Animal Shelter. She also reported that 13 cases of parvo had been reported at the shelter and that Tri-State Animal Rescue were paying Dr. Mitchell's Clinic to treat the dogs.

Linda Kiker addressed her concern with the Animal Shelter facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to cancel the December 26, 2017 meeting. Chairman Helton made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Blue Ridge Projects LLC to place a house 25-feet from the edge of the pavement of the cul-de-sac on Geronimo Road.

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Mrs. Kathleen Tickner to the Library Board. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve Mrs. Tickner's appointment. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Tickner's term will be January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021.

Patrick Cooke addressed the Board concerning the purchase of a radio tower for the new Public Safety Complex. Three quotes were obtained for this project. They are as follows:

Ryco Technologies-\$22,000.00

Quest Tower Corp-\$28,824.64

Nello Corporation-\$40,030.00

Cooke recommended going with the lowest bid and informed the Board that they had received \$18,898.23 from a claim of a lost tower on Bullen Gap. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve quote from Ryco in the amount of \$22,000.00. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Dane Kirby addressed the Board of two annual contracts that were up for renewal. First contract was with Trinity Services Group. Trinity provides food services to the County Jail. Contract is based on the number of prisoners being fed and increased 1% from last year's contract amount. The second contract is with Southern Health Partners. This company provides the healthcare needs for prisoners. Contract amount increased 3% from last year's contract. Sheriff Kirby said they had received impeccable service and he would be afraid to change providers. Commissioner Sosebee made motion to approve both contracts. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Another issue Sheriff Kirby brought to the attention of the Board was Major Bosen was rear-ended on Hwy 5 and believes that the vehicle will be totaled. Kirby asked if the vehicle was totaled he felt it should not be used as an emergency vehicle but could be used by another department. Kirby had priced several vehicles and settled on a 2017 police vehicle in the amount of \$26,700.00 at Jacky Jones Chevrolet in Cleveland, Ga. Sheriff Kirby stated that he had met with Robin Gazaway and Chairman Helton concerning budgeting for this new vehicle and the money was there in the 2017 budget. Chairman Helton made a motion to purchase vehicle. Commissioner Sosebee seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly budget report by Robin Gazaway was as follows:

Emergency 911	516,637	516,637	Jail Fund/Fines	28,100	28,100
Animal Control	201,694	201,694	Juvenile Fund/Fines	4,000	4,000
Public Roads	2,085,162	2,085,162	Multiple Grant Fund/Family Connections	137,660	137,550
Environmental Monitoring	14,000	14,000	Hotel/Motel Excise Tax/Tourism	1,301,500	1,301,500
Bond Payments	1,124,402	1,124,402	S.P.L.O.S.T. CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-
Public Health	45,995	45,995	S.P.L.O.S.T. ROADS	4,102,200	4,102,200
Department of Family & Children Services	60,558	60,558	GRAND TOTAL ALL REVENUE FUNDS	\$ 24,205,423	\$ 24,205,423
North Georgia Mountain Crisis Center	7,554	7,554			
Family Connections	20,000	20,000	Approximated fund balance	3,423,558	3,450,12
North Georgia Community Action Agency	245,484	245,484			
Mineral Springs Center	14,500	14,500			
County Extension	31,508	31,508			
Natural Resources Soil Conservation	13,000	13,000			
Mountain Regional Library	222,500	222,500			
North Georgia Regional Development	22,000	22,000			
Development Authority	140,936	140,936			
Historic Commission	6,000	6,000			
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 18,744,981	\$ 18,771,551	GRAND TOTAL REVENUES AMENDED	\$ 27,628,981	\$ 27,655,561

Both Commissioner Sosebee and Commissioner Johnson expressed concern over budget cuts to Magistrate Court and asked for those cuts be reversed.

Commissioner Sosebee and Commissioner Johnson both stated that on the elected officials the Board shouldn't tell them what to do with their line items.

The increase of \$9,282 for Magistrate would be a 11% increase for the department's payroll. Chairman Helton stated that with insurance and retirement being taken out of Administration instead of each individual department that Magistrate was actually already receiving an increase. Judge Jones spoke up and disagreed.

Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the Magistrate Court line items. Commissioner Johnson spoke up stating he would hold meeting to midnight to get all changes approved to go line item by line item. Chairman Helton spoke up and retracted his motion and instead asked about approving the total budget amount of \$ 27,647,178. This amount included all changes made. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve budget. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

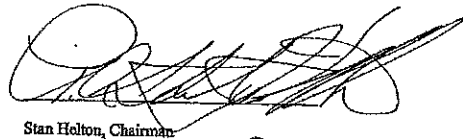
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Helton asked if there was any need for executive session and Commissioner Johnson spoke up and said yes for personnel issues. Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to enter into executive session. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to jury assembly room at 7:11pm. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Helton informed those in attendance that no decision was made on personnel in executive session.

CLOSING

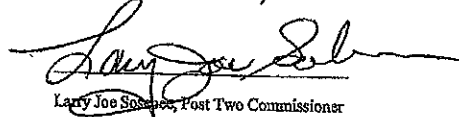
Chairman Helton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.



Stan Helton, Chairman

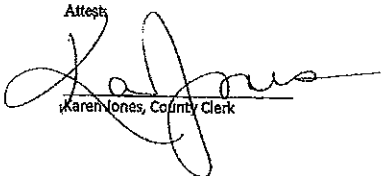


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest



Karen Jones, County Clerk