



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
April 10, 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 March 27, 2018. Commissioner Sosebee made the second motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Web from the Dial area read an open letter to the BOC. Letter was concerning working together and communication.

Jan Eaton from Fannin came forward to speak on Animal Control concerns.

Ralph Garner complimented the overhaul at the Public Works Department as well as Land Development however did not understand why nothing had been done at Animal Control.

James Bond of the Hells Hollow area of Fannin county voiced concern over the three-minute limit to speak.

Dana Worm addressed the Board concerning what she called was a lack of respect for Jan Eaton.

NEW BUSINESS

DFCS presented a proclamation to the Board of Commissioners to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention. Mrs. Bennett of DFCS presented a proclamation to the Board of Commissioners. Bennett expressed there were 63 children that entered foster care in Fannin County last year alone.

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network presented a proclamation to the Board of Commissioners to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Robin Gazaway addressed the Board next on the repayment plan for the Public safety complex options. Gazaway stated the extra money from the Hotel Motel Tax 10% is approximately \$9800.00 a month. SPLOST money transferred to the Public Safety Facilities is usually \$39,000.00 a month. Gazaway stated if we borrow \$650,000 and use current CDs we could use a combination of two fund sources. They are as follows:

All of Hotel/Motel \$9,800 per month for 66 months.

All SPLOST \$39,000 per month for 17 months.

Half of Each \$24,000 per month for 27 months.

All of Both \$48,800 per month for 14 months.

Chairman Helton stated that these were options to prevent the county from paying interest. Commissioner Sosebee said no interest is what we need. Commissioner Johnson stated we did not need to exhaust either fund and did not need to go long term either. Commissioner Johnson stated that he felt the 27-month plan would be the best option and had stated for six years he never wanted to put the County in debt. Commissioner Sosebee stated that we didn't need to deplete either fund. Chairman Helton made the motion to use CDs (approx. \$520,000), 50% of SPLOST and 50% of the 10% that we are collecting from Hotel/Motel to use for the completion of the Public Safety Complex and agree to terms of 27 months. Commissioner Johnson seconded with reiteration of 27 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Gazaway also present to the BOC a proposed Purchase card to help alleviate the situation of having one county credit card. Gazaway stated it would help with the department heads all having their own credit limit and would prevent lost cards, receipts and prevent the present County credit card from reaching its limit every month. Gazaway looked at EastWest Bank and JP Morgan. EWB charged no fees and no merchant fees but would have to put a CD with them for a credit limit. Chase charged no fees but we would have to pay merchant fees. Gazaway stated that Chase was more complicated but more efficient because the Department Heads would have to go online and code their purchases. Commissioner Johnson stated that this idea sounded dangerous to him and if he was a Department Head he would not want a credit card and if they aren't responsible enough to turn in a receipt they aren't responsible enough to have a card. Commissioner Sosebee stated he would like to think about it and research the matter. Chairman Helton made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Woody approached the Board next with a Tiny Home proposal. Chairman Helton stated that he had been presented a plat for a subdivision for tiny homes and wanted to get ahead of any other issues concerning tiny homes and had thoughts that it would affect surrounding property values. Commissioner Johnson stated that the county would really have to pay attention to because of the county not having zoning. Tiny homes are something that is coming our way because the next generation wants to live smaller and off the grid. Chairman Helton stated it was too complicated to solve at one meeting. Commissioner Sosebee stated that Gilmer and Union had already been addressing the issue. Chairman Helton made a motion to table until next meeting to gather more statics and other information.

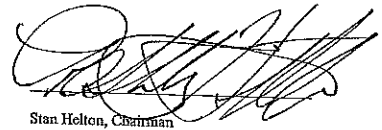
Marie Woody present the Board next with a condemnation at 4384, 4430, 4436 and 4460 Ada Street. Property is owned by Alma and Elmerine Gray and includes four lots that make up eleven acres. House burned last year and no repairs have been made. Holes in walls and roof falling in. There have been 6 complaints in the last two weeks. Complaints of rats and snakes have been made. Property contains 3 houses full of items, a garage full of items, carport full of items, 7 mobile homes full of items and 3 or more other buildings. Items located include commodes, tires, bicycles, sinks, furniture, vacuum cleaners, cars, heaters and grills and many other items. Woody stated that she had exhausted every effort to get owners to comply. County Attorney Lynn Doss stated it needed to be condemned, declared dilapidated and public health and safety nuisances. Chairman Helton made a motion to condemn all four properties. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

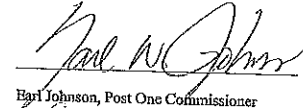
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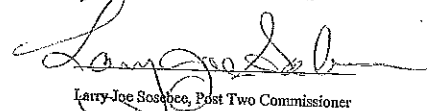
Motion made by Chairman Helton to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passes unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

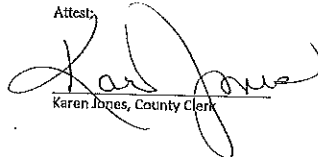


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk