



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

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. The invocation was led by Zack Ratcliff and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the March 13, 2018. Commissioner Sosebee made the second motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Ali Crumpacker from Project Chimps presented the Board with a handout of the chimps that were at the facility which included their names.

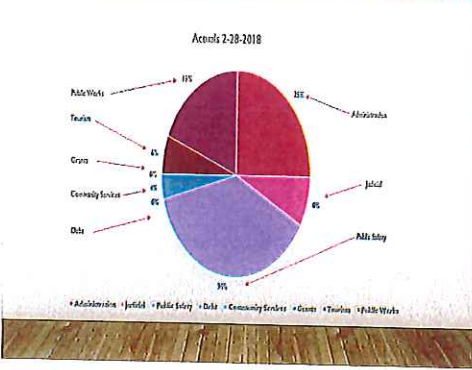
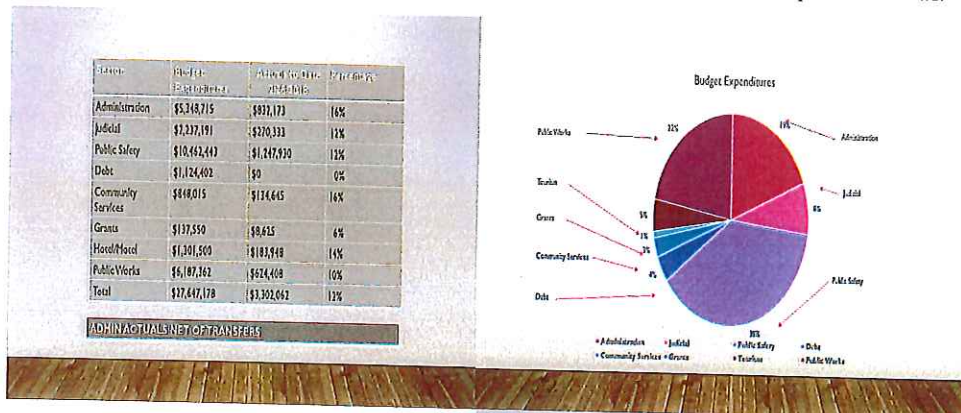
Joe Webb presented the Board of Commissioner with an open letter. It asked the BOC to file budget amendments, lack of management of county affairs, and the control of the agenda.

Dana Worm thanked the Board for allowing volunteers to assist with the animal shelter.

NEW BUSINESS

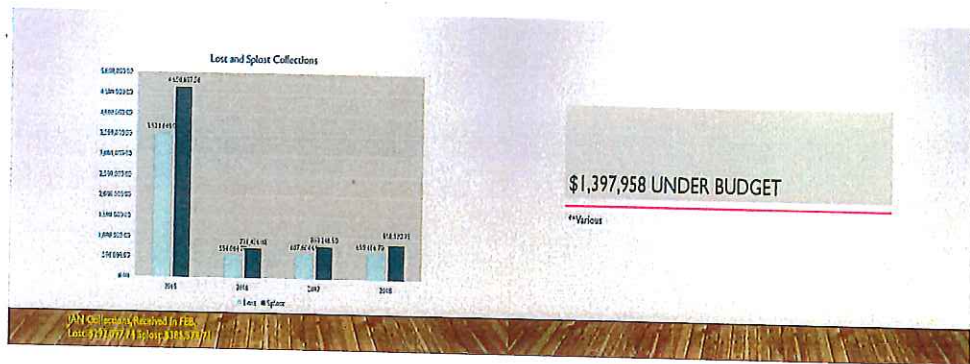
Variance request made by Timothy and Teresa Cheatham to place a storage shed 25 x 25, 20 feet from the edge of Maple Way. Commissioner Sosebee made motion to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Gazaway, Fannin County Financial Office presented the county budget report. It was reported as follows:



Points of Interest ... 17% into the Budget

Project/Item	Budget	Actual	Percentage	Notes
Recreations	835,823	110,218	31,792	42,668
Building Maintenance	583,198	80,714	18,430	
Public Roads/SPLOST	6,187,362	624,408	427,444	858,590
Fire/EMS/EMA	2,733,994	377,015	87,763	35,050
Tax Assessor	848,265	165,350	21,145	Aerial Map/Vehicles
Sheriff	2,182,487	261,388	109,615	
County Detention / Jail	1,387,601	191,183	44,703	



Commissioner Johnson stated it was a pretty positive sign that departments were staying under budget and being frugal with funds and thanked the department heads for doing so. Commissioner Sosebee agreed.

Robin Gazaway went on to discuss the financing the short fall of the Fire Station. Gazaway stated that we could do a loan from the County and funds would be paid back by SPLOST and or Special Hotel Motel Tax Fund or a combination of such. Monies would be borrowed from the General Fund and would save the County \$100,000 in interest payments.

Gazaway stated that the County had some CDs that could be cashed in and the total amount that would need to be borrowed would be around \$650,000. Commissioner Johnson stated that he thought this was the only way to do it was to build the County Facility with County money and maintain our fund balance. Commissioner Johnson stated he would like to know what funding would look like if monies came partially from SPLOST and Hotel Motel as well as just coming from SPLOST and was for the interest free option. Commissioner Sosebee agreed and the subject was tabled until the next meeting to gather more information.

The retirement program was carried over from the special called meeting on March 7th and was next on the agenda. Chairman Helton stated that no one that is employed at present or is currently retired would be affected by changes. Currently, the County fully funds the retirement program which costs the County between \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year. The proposed plan, which is managed by ACCG, would allow the employees that choose to participate to contribute a portion of their salary toward their retirement which would also be matched by the County at 4%. Commissioner Johnson stated that with the current plan in this day and time that it was unsustainable for the county to continue to participate in. Commissioner Sosebee stated he thought it was a great thing that the employee can take the retirement with them if they went to other employment.

Chairman Helton asked what Commissioners Johnson and Sosebee thought about having a six-month waiting period. After, discussion it was agreed to six months and the maximum match would be up to 4%. However, Chairman Helton mentioned that the percentages could be changed yearly.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the 401a retirement plan for anyone hired after July 1, 2018. The waiting period would be six-months and the match would be at 4%. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Zack Ratcliff, Public Works Director, was last on the agenda and gave the BOC a 2018 road improvement list and reported last year 22 miles of road were paved in 2017. Twelve of the roads on the list have been completed and ten roads have been added for improvement.

Ratcliff also reported that they had a tractor mower that needed to be replaced. Ratcliff present the BOC with a Tractor mower in the amount of \$22,710.00 which was under a government contract. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve purchase. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Ratcliff reported that he had sold 25 pieces of equipment on GOVDEALS.com and had made \$84,872.00. Ratcliff also asked for approval to list 30 more items on GOVDEALS.com. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve list. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session needed.

CLOSING

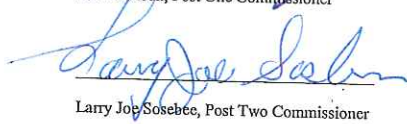
Motion made by Chairman Helton to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passes unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

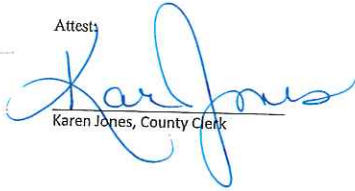


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk