



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
September 25, 2018 at 5:15 PM

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. The invocation was led by Reverend Ron Wikander and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton; motion passed by unanimous decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Ralph Garner of Blue Ridge offered praise to the Sheriff's Office and Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Garner commented on the jail and the need for separation of violent to nonviolent prisoners. Garner offered praise to Jan Eaton of Tri State Animal Control.

Pete Lindbloom of Stanley Creek Road offered comments and recommendations as to the gasoline system. Lindbloom inquired about a surveillance system. Chairman Helton responded that there are security cameras at the facility and the money spent on the system was only spent during the current year. Chairman Helton stated the new system is state of the art and they are looking forward to having much better controls on the system.

Jan Eaton spoke of Kuranda beds that had been donated to Animal Control. Eaton stated they were immediately slit with a knife upon arrival. Eaton stated it dissolved the integrity of why the beds were made. Eaton remarked that an employee told her they were able to use the beds for 8-9 months and she had used her beds for years. Eaton said that Gilmer County was moving their own dogs and Fannin County does not.

Public commentary closed at 5:26 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

James Brumbelow, Coordinator for Fannin County Toys for Tots, discussed the organization and stated that last year, Toys for Tots cared for 792 children in Fannin County. A Proclamation was signed designating November as Toys for Tots month.

The first variance request was from Helen Pharis. One citizen was present in support of the variance. Motion to approve the variance made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote.

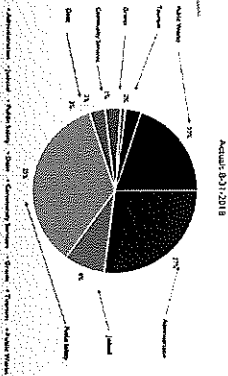
The next agenda item was a variance request from Steven Ricca. No one was present in support of the variance. Tom Rice was present in opposition of the variance. Rice commented that the variance would devalue the property of other homeowners. Commissioner Johnson stated that when looking at variances, his job is to look at them with safety in mind, not if the variances would add or decrease value. Commissioner Johnson recommended talking with the homeowners' association. Commissioner Sosebee asked if Chairman Helton had received complaints from other neighbors and Chairman Helton stated he had received emails from 3 other homeowners. Chairman Helton asked if Rice would be willing to talk with the builder as he did in a past circumstance; Rice agreed. Chairman Helton stated that the board does not get involved with homeowners' associations but would be willing to table the motion to give all parties a chance to negotiate. Motion to table the variance request until the October 9, 2018 meeting made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

The final variance request was from Patricia Lynn Fredrickson Revocable Trust. Motion to approve made first by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote.

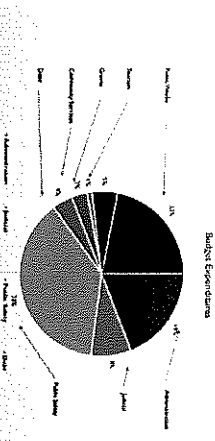
Chief Financial Officer Robin Gazaway gave the following presentation:

2018 BUDGET REPORT

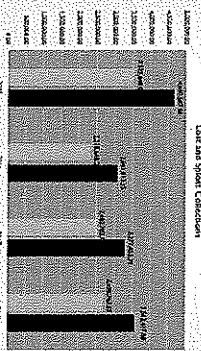
TARRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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\$546,871 UNDER BUDGET 2%



Points of Interest ... 47% into the Budget

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Commissioner Johnson inquired about upcoming large expenditures. Gazaway stated the bill for the courthouse had been received and would be paid soon and it is unknown what health claims may be. Chairman Helton added that the bill for improvements on Highway 2 and Scenic Road would be coming in soon. Chairman Helton remarked that the project total was close to \$2,000,000, it would be coming out of SPLOST roads, and that there were funds to pay for the project.

Land Development Department Head Marie Woody gave an update regarding permits. Woody stated that in August there were 31 permits, 9 thus far in September, and year-to-date there had been 197 permits. Woody stated that, staying on trend, there would be less permits than last year's 286 new homes permits. Woody gave updates pertaining to various properties.

Commissioner Sosebee stated he had received a phone call regarding the Kuranda beds that Eaton had discussed. Commissioner Sosebee stated that the man had donated some of the beds and was upset they had been cut; the gentleman recommended not cutting any more of the beds.

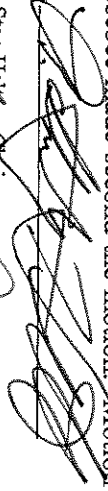

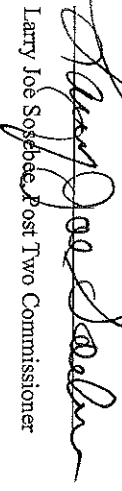
Commissioner Johnson inquired about the number of new development permits. Woody responded that there had been 6-7 new development permits in 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sosebee made second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.


 Stan Helton, Chairman

 Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner

 Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

 Lynn Doss, Interim County Clerk