



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
October 9, 2018 at 5:15 PM

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve September 25 Regular Meeting minutes and September 26 Called Meeting minutes made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public commentary.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from the North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network were present for a proclamation signing for domestic violence awareness month.

The first variance request was from McCaysville Properties. No one was present to oppose the variance. Motion to approve the variance made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

The next agenda item was a variance request from Serene Mountain Properties. No one present in opposition. Motion to approve the variance made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

The final variance request was from Steven Ricea. The variance had been tabled at the September 25, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Jonson commented that he was glad the parties were able to come to an agreement. Commissioner Johnson also stated that because this variance is at 37 feet does not mean that another variance could not get approved closer in the future. Tom Rice, a resident of the neighborhood, stated that they were not happy with the 37 feet although they were not in opposition. Chairman Helton stated it is between the homeowners if they wanted to do something with the Home Owners Association, but the board would not get in the middle of that kind of issue. Motion to approve made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

The board moved to 911 resolutions to update telephone charges. 911 Director Patrick Cooke stated that the landline charge would remain the same at \$1.50. Cooke said the resolution would increase the wireless charge from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and the prepaid charge from \$.75 to \$1.50. Cooke commented that there is an effort by the state to implement the change state wide. Motion to approve the resolutions made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Zack Ratcliff commented on the UniFirst agreement. Ratcliff stated there would be a 30% savings in switching companies and there had been servicing issues with the past uniform supplier. Chairman Helton stated the agreement was a 1-year agreement to ensure the company's performance. Commissioner Johnson inquired about employee accountability for the uniform garments. Chairman Helton made first the motion to approve the 1-year agreement. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed unanimously.

The board moved to the discussion of purchasing a leaf vacuum for the Public Works Department. Quotes are as follows:

Abell Turf & Tractor: \$7,850.00
Mason Tractor: \$6,995.00
Nelson Feed: \$5660.00

Motion to purchase the Billy Goat Leaf Vacuum for \$5,660 from Nelson Feed in Blairsville, Georgia. Motion made first by Commissioner ~~Sosebee~~ ^{He Horn} Sosebee. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous vote. *(Signature)*

Ratcliff provided an update for the board. Commissioner Johnson commented that the chip spreader had been a good investment for the county and many citizens were pleased with the results. Chairman Helton stated that the chip process was half the cost of asphalt.

EMA Director Robert Graham commented on the pharmacy contract between the Board of Commissioners and Fannin Regional Hospital to provide pharmaceuticals for the ambulances. Motion to approve made first by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Graham asked to send out request for proposals for a pre-contract for debris removal. Graham commented that EMA would have a contract with an outside company in the case a disaster occurred that overwhelmed the local departments, they could enact the contract. Graham stated that in adopting a pre-contract and adopting a plan, the county would be eligible for 2.5% federal disaster match money. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the number of contractors being used and requirements of the contractors. Graham stated that EMA had elected to choose two contractors and had guidelines including history of work, financial capabilities, what would be charged for debris removal, and monitoring the debris. Commissioner Sosebee asked about services if a disaster effected several counties. Graham stated that the contract states the resources must be prepositioned to move into the county and be available within a certain time after the disaster. Motion to approve request for proposals made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Graham offered an update on the ambulance that had been ordered. Graham stated it had been received, inspected, stocked, fully licensed, and would be in use at Station 11.

The board moved to opening the Public Safety Complex bids. Graham commented it had been sent to 25 companies, 4-5 of which were local companies, and was listed on the Georgia Procurement website. Graham presented the board with the list of prospective bidders. The bids are shown below:

Engineered Structures, Inc.: \$532,900 less the cost of \$46,440.00 allowances to total \$486,460.00
JM Williams: \$439,927.00

The board discussed the bids and the overall costs. The board considered the need to heat the unfinished area and considered heat alternatives. Motion to deny both bids due to extreme costs made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sosebee made second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(Signature)
Stan Helton, Chairman

(Signature)
Bart Johnson, Post One Commissioner

(Signature)
Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:
(Signature)
Lynn Doss, Interim County Clerk