



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
November 27, 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

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23 Regular Meeting, November 13 Cancelled Meeting, and November 19 Called Meeting with a noted change of "Chairman Johnson" to "Commissioner Johnson" in the October 23 minutes. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Webb stated that the state law requires there to be two meetings each month and that he felt it was not in accordance to the Local Legislation to cancel the last regularly scheduled meeting. Webb commented that it was wrong to not have a business meeting and then have a called meeting. Webb called for Post Commissioner-Elect Glenn Patterson be in office before a decision was made regarding GMASS. Webb suggested a penalty for noncompletion in the GMASS contract.

Ralph Garner expressed appreciation for the Fire, 911, and EMA directors. Garner asked if the county needed a full-time CPA and inquired about the commissioner's budget prior to Chairman Helton's arrival. Garner commented that the public had been excluded at the November 19 Called Meeting and stated the public has been influential in several instances in the past.

Lana Fink called Chairman Helton's behavior toward Troy Junier in the called meeting rude and discourteous. Fink stated she had called Chairman Helton eighteen months prior to discuss why senior citizens paid school taxes and he had spoken to her in a condescending tone. Fink stated that the board had repeatedly said they cared about tax payers but if that was the case, seniors would not be paying school taxes.

Pete Lindbloom stated it should be no surprise that a meeting was scheduled when everyone was getting ready for a holiday. Lindbloom commented on the number of citizens at the meeting and stated they were concerned about taxes going up and people losing their jobs. Lindbloom commented that he heard of a citizen in Marietta filing an ethics complaint against the Commissioner for berating a county employee in a county meeting. Lindbloom commented that if Fannin County had such a clause, he would wish to file a complaint against Chairman Helton.

Jan Eaton stated she agreed with previous comments regarding the cancelled meeting followed by a called meeting. Eaton commented on the amount of money that the Chamber of Commerce receives from lodging tax and stated the money could benefit other things in the county.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Helton commented that it had been tradition that full-time county employees receive a \$100 bonus and part-time county employees that work on a regular basis receive a \$50 bonus. Commissioner Sosebee stated that had been protocol while he had been on the board. Commissioner Johnson stated he had no issue. Motion to approve the bonus made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next agenda item was to re-appoint Dr. Dillon Miller to Fannin County Board of Health. Motion made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Debris collection bids were opened from the following bidders:

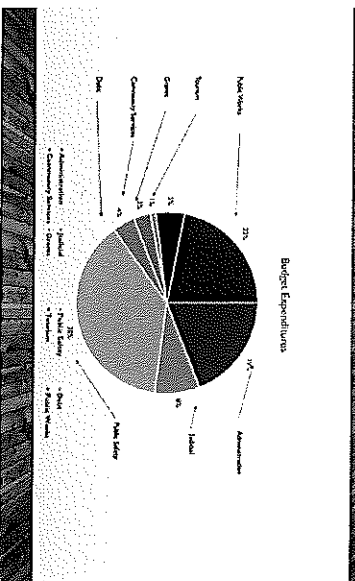
1. KDF Enterprises, Alpharetta
2. DRC Emergency Services, Texas
3. Southern Disaster Recovery, Washington, Georgia
4. Disaster Debris Removal, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
5. Phillips & Jordan, Knoxville, Tennessee
6. Ceres, Sarasota, Florida
7. TFR Enterprises, Inc., Leander, Texas
8. Graham County Land, Robbinsville, North Carolina
9. Custom Tree Care, Inc., Topeka, Kansas

Decision tabled to allow analysis of proposals.

Chief Financial Officer Robin Gazaway presented the following update:

2018 BUDGET REPORT

SANNING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

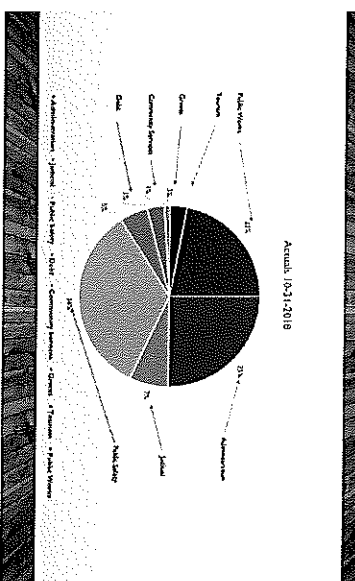


Points of Interest ... 83% into the Budget

Category	2017	2018	% Change	2018 Budget
Recreation	635,623	789,227	83.71%	25,140,000 (14.8%)
Building Maintenance	581,198	444,449	76.47%	14,880,000 (14.8%)
Public Responder COST	4,187,326	5,027,281	120.06%	128,930
Fire/EMS/EMV	2,733,194	3,390,425	123.69%	1,432,294
Tax Assessor	646,535	627,628	97.07%	599,331
Sherriff	2,182,487	1,800,415	82.45%	7,548
County Operations / ISD	13,877,603	12,415,946	89.48%	10,551,616

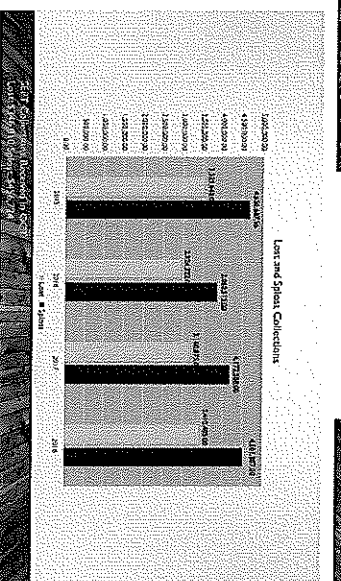
Category	2017	2018	% Change	2018 Budget
Administration	\$5,548,115	\$5,899,234	105%	1,039,108
Public Safety	\$2,277,731	\$1,703,810	74%	19%
Public Safety	\$19,462,449	\$27,689,291	142%	100%
Public Safety	\$1,174,402	\$1,174,402	100%	100%
Community	\$448,015	\$613,309	137%	87%
General	\$317,255	\$174,074	54%	1,00%
Public Health	\$1,301,540	\$432,217	33%	100%
Public Utilities	\$6,187,343	\$3,693,244	59%	19%
TOTAL	\$27,421,278	\$22,643,119	82%	79%

ADMINISTRATIVE NET OPERATING EXPENSES



\$885,765 UNDER BUDGET 4%

NET OPERATING EXPENSES



Chairman Helton inquired about the projected amount for the Recreation Department for the end of the year. Gazaway answered that it would be hard to project without the comparison of last year. Chairman Helton asked if it would easily be over a \$250,000 and Gazaway said she believed so.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about inmate medical and asked how the number compared to what was budgeted. Gazaway commented that the rate is based on the number of inmates. Gazaway commented that the food for inmates was also a rate set per inmate. Commissioner Johnson inquired about if an inmate became sick. Gazaway answered that the county would only be responsible for a portion of the expense. Chairman Helton asked Major Bosen if he had anything to add and he commented that the inmate number tends to be higher during this time of the year.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the public works projects and confirmed there was enough money budgeted to cover the projects. Gazaway stated yes, and that she is budgeting that money would be left over for the next year.

Chairman Helton asked if there was any indication of being under budget for November and stated he would like to see the entire year under budget. Gazaway commented that the Engineering Structures payment would be coming up, but that was the only big item she knew of.

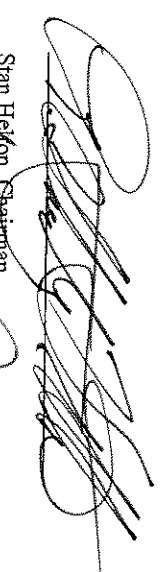
Commissioner Sosebee confirmed that the county was at 60% for October for the Hotel/Motel tax. Gazaway commented that is correct, but it is two months behind, that four more collections would be coming. Chairman Helton commented that October was just a couple hundred dollars short of an all-time high collection for Hotel/Motel tax and that July was a record month.

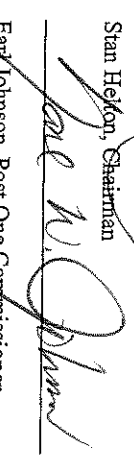
EXECUTIVE SESSION


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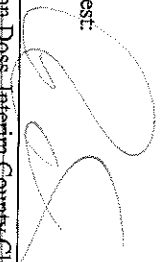
Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson made second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion adjourned at 6:04 PM.


Stan Helton, Chairman


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Lynn Doss, Interim County Clerk


Robin Gazaway, Finance Director