



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
August 8, 2017 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stan Helton call the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

The invocation was led by Robert Graham and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

Chairman Helton made a motion to add Zack Ratcliff, Public Works Director to the agenda. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve the July 25, 2017 minutes. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Debi Holcomb expressed her disapproval with the appointment of two additional Tax Assessors Board members.

Lydia Long invited the Board of Commissioners to the 9th annual 9/11 Regional "Awake America Prayer and Memorial Service." Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 11:45am.

Carol Chamberlain of the Epworth area. Expressed her disappointment with public commentary being held before the agenda items. Stating that citizens had no input.

Public Commentary closed at 5:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company presented the 2016 Audit Report. Pilgrim stated that the audit opinion was unmodified and Fannin County had a clean opinion. (Audit Report Presentation for year ended December 31, 2016 is attached).

Next, on the agenda, was the adoption of the 2017 Service Delivery Plan. Chairman Helton mentioned the last time that this agreement was signed was 2009. Document details the services that Fannin County will provide to Blue Ridge, McCaysville, Morganton and Mineral Bluff. Chairman Helton made a motion to adopt the 2017 Service Delivery Plan. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by James B. Rose to build a garage, 20 feet from the edge of White Pine Trail, in Toccoa Bend Subdivision. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Michael and Linda Valure to build a carport 15 feet from Kensington Drive in the Highlands Subdivision on Lot #50, Plat E-200-5. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by George and Demetri Martinez to build a garage 7 feet from the property line side on the left side of the present house. A letter was received from the neighbor. Chairman Helton stated that lot was very steep and this was the only place for garage to be placed. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve variance. Chairman Helton made second. Commissioner Johnson did not approve because it was less than 10 feet. Motion passed two to one.

Robert Graham spoke concerning the upcoming solar eclipse. The eclipse will occur August 21, 2017 at approximately 2:35pm and would last around a minute. Graham thought that traffic would be the main issue in Fannin. Emergency Operations will open early, the morning of the eclipse, to monitor any potential issues. EMA will also issue a press release on using proper eye wear and how to protect your skin as well.

Commissioner Sosebee addressed an editorial that was in the News Observer, which accused the Commissioners of failing the citizens of Fannin County. The article was concerning a situation in which several ambulances needed maintenance at the same time. Chairman Helton asked Graham, "at any time were the citizens of Fannin County at any danger of not receiving help if needed?" Graham replied, "NO." Chairman Helton commended Robert Graham and the EMS crew in the way that they handled this event.

Next on the agenda, was Ken Petty from maintenance. Petty presented three quotes for work at Animal Control. Bids are as follows: Lord - \$19,160.00, American Outback - \$18,932.00, Jimmie Mashburn - \$22,000.00. Chairman Helton and Commissioner Sosebee agreed that decision should be tabled until more information could be obtained.

Petty also addressed the roof on the maintenance building. He stated that the roof would be replaced by the maintenance department, when the weather cooled off.


Zack Ratcliff, Public Works Director, presented 2 quotes for an extension mower. Nelson bid \$145,579.00 and Mason bid \$118,225.00. The price includes a Government/Municipality discount. This would replace one of two side arm mowers that have over 6000 man hours each. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve purchase. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

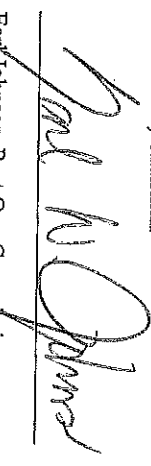
Chairman Helton asked if executive session was needed and the Board agreed they did not.

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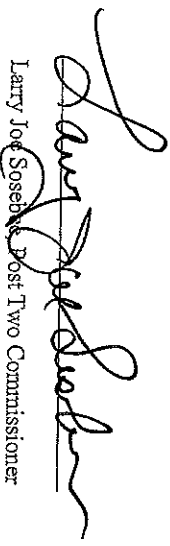
Chairman Helton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55.



Stan Helton, Chairman

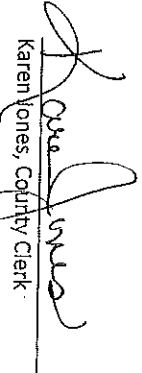


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Karen Jones, County Clerk