



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting
 Jury Assembly Room
 August 22, 2017 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

The invocation was led by Lane Bishop and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Chairman Helton opened the floor for public commentary. Two calls were made for commentary and no one spoke. Public commentary was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

A proclamation was signed for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to declare the week of September 17-23, 2017 as Constitution Week.

Variance request made by Gary and Christina K. Ray to build a shed 10 feet from the adjoining property line. The Lay's neighbor, Howard Bailey issued a letter of approval. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee to approve variance. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Randel and Marie Layton to place a garage 10 feet from the edge of Oak Ledge. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by JP Allen Homes to make subdivision road 16 feet and to make the road setback 15 feet, instead of the 35 feet. Also, JP Allen submitted a letter stating that JP Allen would be responsible for the private road known as High Ridge West and will not request Fannin County to take-over the maintenance and responsibility of the private road. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Myideal Doctor Service agreement was next on the agenda. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve signing the service agreement. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Graham spoke briefly on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Graham asked that the resolution be signed to approve this plan. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the signing of the plan. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Zack Ratcliff presented the Board with the WEX Card that would allow the Public Works Department to keep better control over their fuel usage and would allow workers to purchase gas at outside stations if needed. WEX also has added security features so that card user must have a PIN number and mileage to access fuel. Motion made to enter contract with WEX by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ratcliff asked the Board to approve the purchase of a TS6-110 New Holland Tractor. Price with government program will be \$118,225.00. Mr. Ratcliff said that this purchase would be taken out of SPLOST. Motion made to approve purchase by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the vote for the new tractor, bids were opened for the Paving Project for Loving Rd and Old Salem Road. Bids were as follows:

	Loving Rd	Old Salem Rd	Subtotal Bid
Colwell Construction of Blairsville	\$592,699.12	\$297,011.82	\$889,710.94
NWGP of Calhoun	\$570,676.90	\$287,494.36	\$858,171.26
CW Matthews of Marietta	\$524,592.00	\$272,233.00	\$796,825.00

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to table bid award until bids could be reviewed. Second made by Chairman Stan Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Gazaway, Finance Director, gave a budget report as follows:

Sector	Budget Expenditures	Actuals to Date 7/18/2017	Percentage
Administration	\$4,392,176	\$3,159,373	72.9%
Judicial	\$2,153,443	\$1,089,895	50.6%
Public Safety	\$10,375,077	\$4,571,752	44.1%
Debt	\$1,122,174	\$565,304	50.4%
Community Services	\$942,834	\$471,257	50.0%
Grants	\$230,000	\$54,622	23.7%
Hotel/Motel	\$1,000,000	\$472,443	47.2%
Public Works	\$6,975,503	\$2,591,200	37.1%
Total	\$27,131,207	\$12,975,846	47.8%

Administrative	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Amount
Administration	746,760	Supervisor Court	270,341
Building	620,166	Clerk of Superior Court	575,277
Maintenance	289,444	Probate Court	307,022
Land Development	213,640	Magistrate Court	254,494
Board of Elections	840,346	District Attorney	246,074
Inspectors	130,275	Juvenile Court	246,074
MS Program	18,000	Public Defender	230,000
Central Supply	420,714	Total	2,153,443
Tax Assessor	1,019,581		
Board of Education	31,130		
Total	4,232,176		

Public Safety	Budget Amount	Actual Amount	Public Safety Cont.	Budget Amount
Dung Tank Force	45,000	Animal Control	235,477	
Resource Officers	0	Contracted Assets	3,500	
Sheriff	2,434,272	Emergency / 911	493,104	
County Detention	1,320,794	Telephone Fund	13,000	
Jail	34,530	Crime Victims Assistance Fund / D.A.	41,000	
Probation Office	675,599	Drug Education & Treatment Fund	4,000	
Fire Services	58,340	Jail Funds / Fines	3,160	
Coroner	2,338,239	Juvenile Funds / Fines	1,930,000	
Emergency Services / EMS / Ambulance	134,694	SPLOST Capital Outlay	10,975,077	
Emergency Management / BMA	291,238	Total		

Continuing Support	Budget Amount	Actual Amount
Public Health	45,890	
Department of Family & Children Services	30,558	
North Georgia Mountain Child Center	7,554	
Family Connections	20,000	
Alford Springs Center	14,580	
North Georgia Community Action Agency	250,334	
County Extension	30,918	
Natural Resources Soil Conservation	9,200	
Mountain Regional Library	219,930	
North Georgia Regional Development	90,000	
Economic Development	257,190	
Historic Commission	6,000	
Total	942,834	

Public Works	Budget Amount	Actual Amount
Public Roads	1,574,494	
SPLOST Roads	5,201,009	
Total	6,775,503	

Bond	Amount
Bond Payments	1,122,174
Total	1,122,174

Public Safety Cont.	Amount
Multiple Grant Fund/ Family Connections	230,000
Total	230,000

Tourism	Budget Amount	Actual Amount
Hotel / Motel / Escape Tax / Tourism	1,000,000	
Total	1,000,000	

Administration	Actual Amount	Budget	Amount
Administration Building	1,584,336	Superior Court	142,844
Maintenance	328,971	Clerk of Superior Court	297,843
Land Development	145,624	Probate Court	174,484
Board of Elections	112,408	Magistrate Court	117,494
Inspections	590,050	District Attorney	136,531
MS Program	10,287	Juvenile Court	121,374
Central Supply	210,505	Public Defender	134,433
Tax Assessor	467,762	Total	1,145,373
Board of Education	4,932		
Total	3,985,892		

Public Safety	Actual Amount	Public Safety Cont.	Actual Amount
Dung Tank Force	9,522	Animal Control	104,473
Resource Officers	0	Contracted Assets	0
Sheriff	1,709,267	Emergency / 911	359,911
County Detention	812,519	Telephone Fund	664
Jail	18,637	Crime Victims Assistance Fund / D.A.	4,380
Probation Office	370,941	Drug Education & Treatment Fund	11,347
Fire Services	31,077	Jail Funds / Fines	2,720
Coroner	1,205,260	Juvenile Funds / Fines	37,000
Emergency Services / EMS / Ambulance	66,959	SPLOST Capital Outlay	4,807,302
Emergency Management / BMA	422,296	Total	

Community Services	Actual Amount	Budget	Amount
Public Health	32,512		
Department of Family & Children Services	11,823		
North Georgia Mountain Child Center	7,554		
Family Connections	20,000		
Alford Springs Center	3,201		
North Georgia Community Action Agency	127,970		
County Extension	14,048		
Natural Resources Soil Conservation	6,200		
Mountain Regional Library	165,450		
North Georgia Regional Development	22,085		
Economic Development	111,090		
Historic Commission	6,000		
Total	528,634		

Public Works	Actual Amount	Amount
Public Roads	1,196,238	
SPLOST Roads	1,587,897	
Total	2,784,135	

Bond	Amount
Bond Payments	645,304
Total	645,304

Public Safety Cont.	Amount
Multiple Grant Fund/ Family Connections	62,527
Total	42,527

Tourism	Budget Amount	Actual Amount
Hotel / Motel / Escape Tax / Tourism	581,336	
Total	581,336	

County is \$1,755,577 under budget due to health insurance claims that are behind due to the change of insurance.

Next, Ken Petty presented 2 bids for the expansion of the animal shelter. Bid amounts were as follows:

American Outback Poured Walls LLC \$18,932.00
Jim's Concrete Walls \$23,500.00

Commissioner Sosebee made the motion to accept the bid from American Outback Poured Walls LLC. Chairman Helton made the second. Commissioner Johnson opposed. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Commissioner Sosebee asked Ken Petty if he knew that approximately 100 light bulbs had been replaced at the Health Department. Mr. Petty said that that was inaccurate, that 100 bulbs had been replaced over the entire week in all county buildings.

Commissioner Johnson questioned Ken Petty concerning an invoice that was received from Tri-State Heating and Air in the amount of \$15,416.00 to fix the air conditioner at the jail. Commissioner Johnson referenced prior minutes that showed that only \$5,340.00 were approved for this project and that Petty said that Tri-State was not charging for 2nd compressor. Petty said he had no knowledge of this bill and "it was his tax dollars too," and he would find out why in voice was more and get back to the Board on the following day. Commissioner Johnson reiterated that this was why a scope of work was so important.

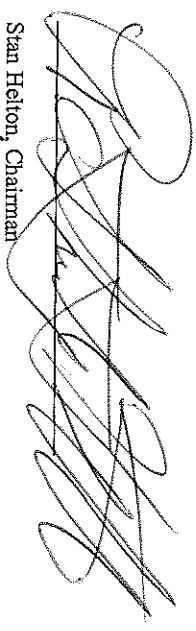
Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Anthony Holloway to the Tax Assessors Board to replace Nathan Henson, that did not wish to seek reappointment. Commissioner Johnson stated that he believed Holloway would be a great asset to the Board. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

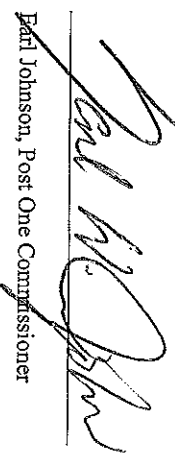
Chairman Helton asked if there was a need for executive session and Commissioners Johnson and Sosebee said there was no need.

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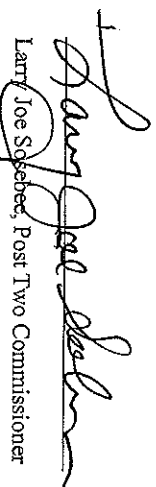
Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Helton made the second. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting closed at 6:26pm.



Stan Helton, Chairman

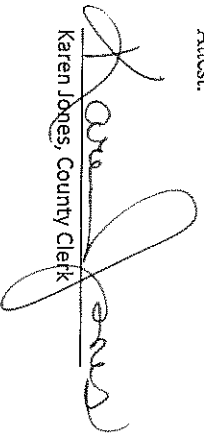


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk