



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room

September 12, 2017 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve minutes for the August 22, 2017 and August 28, 2017 minutes. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Ali Crumpacker the new Executive Director of Project Chimps came forward to introduce herself and express a desire for Project Chimp to work with the Board.

Richard King came forward to thank the Board for taking care and resurfacing Fish Trap Trail.

Ralph Garner came forward concerning four subjects. First, commended Chairman Helton for the Animal Control add on and standing for the employee's safety and the health of the animals. Second, he agreed with Carol Chamberlain that spoke at a prior meeting that there should be more citizen interaction. Third, SPLITOST funds and where the \$20 million was spent. Lastly, stated that he thought Commissioner Johnson's paving company should be able to bid on road paving projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance request made by Steven Harper to place a new home with porch 15 feet from the edge of Mountain Rivers Lane and to place a structure 10 feet from the property line. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Peter and Fausia Kandra to build a new home with porches 25 feet from the edge of Kensington Drive. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Colleen Kise to build a garage 28 feet from the edge of Brookhaven Lane. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Erik Alexander Falstrom to place a house 25 feet from the edge of Fish Trap Trail and stated that he was willing to move existing road thirty feet into the left bank to support the size of the house and setback from the Toccoa River. Two came forward and spoke out against this variance. Motion made by Chairman Helton to deny variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously. Variance denied.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sosebee to approve a Farn Winery Permit under the Georgia Agri Tourism Act for Bear Claw Vineyard Tasting Room #2. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, Formal request for adoption of de annexation parcel requested by Gwen Panter, James Grady Allen, Kristin Panter Allen and Gregory Lynn Panter, owners from the city of McCaysville. Motion made to approve made by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Ratcliff asked for permission to sell some of the county's older equipment on GOVDEALS.Com. Chairman asked County Attorney Doss what we needed to do to be able to use this site. Attorney Doss stated it would need to be added to the local legislation. Ratcliff stated he thought this was a safe option and auction charges 5%.

Doss also brought up the fact of another item that she advised to be changed, in the local legislation, to allow more flexibility in setting the budget. Doss said simply by changing the word at to the word by in Sect 16 Line 267 to read: The Budget shall then be reviewed and adopted or amended by the commission by the first regular meeting in December following the submission of such budget to the commission.

Vote was tabled on allowing word change and online auction until Mrs. Doss could have change written out.

The Public Works Director, Zack Ratcliff came to the Board requesting the purchase of a hopper spreader. He had located one in Murray County for \$7000. Ratcliff said he had priced a smaller one for over \$21,000.00. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to approve purchase. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Ratcliff also gave an update on the WEX card and stated that the application and vehicle list had been sent in to WEX.

Next on the agenda, Fire Chief Larry Thomas presented the Board with a pumper truck for the Fire Department. The truck is a 1997 3D/Freightliner Commercial Pumper (Apparatus Stock#09680) and is being sold by Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC of Union Grove, Alabama in the amount of \$45,000. The County has recovered from insurance \$30,000 from insurance on a wrecked county firetruck and this would go toward the cost of new truck. Commissioner Sosebee made the motion to approve purchase. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Doss returned with a handwritten draft of document to amend the legislation on the above mentioned. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve changes to local legislation. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Helton made a motion to go into executive session at 6:07PM for a personnel issue. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made at 6:32PM by Commissioner Johnson to come out of executive session. Second made by Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

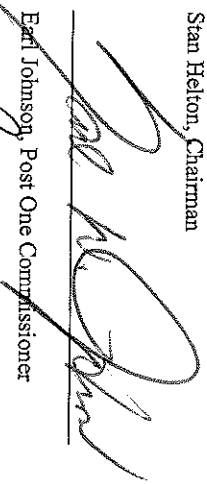
Robin Gazaway approached the front and informed the Board that in the process of doing the 2018 budget that she came to realize that some of the elected officials' salaries were incorrect by approximately \$10,500.00 for the year. Gazaway stated that only three officials' salaries were correct. Chairman Helton made a motion to correct the salaries by the end of September and carry the remaining to the end of the year. Second made by Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING

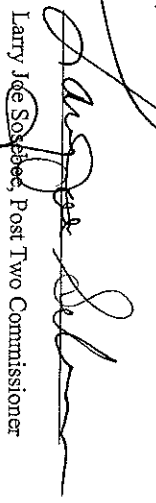
Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

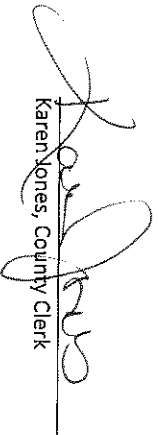


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk