



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
February 28, 2017 6:00 PM**

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Stan Helton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Helton called for a motion to appoint Lynn Doss as Interim Clerk. Motion made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 regular meeting and the February 23, 2017 workshop. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Perry Turner stated he is very pleased with the first responders, Road Department, Sheriff's Department, and EMS and thanked them for their services. Royston commented on the need for guard rails on Georgia Route 60 at the steep incline and he has been looking for GDOT to install guard rails at the embankment for ten years.

Serita Royston spoke on behalf of a newly formed team of volunteers dedicated to helping with Animal Control. Royston commented on one volunteer constructing dog houses and their want to help with care for the animals. Royston asked about the modified Animal Control schedule, if Animal Control would allow volunteers to work at the facility, and how they could help.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Helton called for a motion to approve invoices over \$4,500. Motion to approve made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Helton shifted to the approval of the Chamber of Commerce contract. Chairman Helton commented the contract is currently set at a 70/30 split. Chairman Helton commented on the goal of the split stating that January 1, 2018 the split would go to 60/40, and as of January 1, 2019 the split would be 50/50. Chairman Helton proposed the county attorney draft a new contract or amendment to the current contract for the split. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman Helton moved to the department head update from Zack Ratcliff, Director of Public Works. Ratcliff stated they are using the under tailgate spreader that was never installed and is approximately ten years old. Ratcliff stated that after installing the spreader on a single axel dump truck, they are now using it to repair edge ruts. Ratcliff said the Road Department has completed edge ruts on Aska, Old Highway 76, Sugar Creek, Scenic, the section of Tom Boyd Road going into the Recreation Center, and Old State Route 2. Ratcliff commented that they had also striped Tom Boyd Road and continued into the recreation park. Ratcliff stated that he is looking for a chip spreader to replace an inoperable spreader they currently have. Ratcliff said they are compiling a road list for chip sealing and the mowers are ready when needed. Ratcliff stated they had also reconditioned the hydroseeder that had been reported unusable and it is now ready to use.

Chairman Helton shifted the department head update from Eddie O'Neal, Recreation Director. O'Neal commended the Road Department striping Tom Boyd Road and repairing the creek banks at the Recreation Center. O'Neal gave the following figures for the number of children registered for spring sports.

Soccer: 179
Baseball: 260
Volleyball: 59
Total registrants: 565
Fast pitch softball: 67

O'Neal stated there is an average of 101 visitors to the Recreation Center each day, not including the recreation teams. O'Neal commented they had received three bids for mowing Horseshoes Bend and Tammen Park. O'Neal added he ejected one bid as they did not have the proper insurance coverage. Bids included SDC Lawn Care and 4V Ranch. O'Neal presented the board with the bids and said SDC Lawn Care was at \$1,900 per month while 4V Ranch was at \$2,420 per month. Chairman Helton stated he would abstain from voting because he does personal business with one of the business owners. Commissioner Sosebee inquired about the type of equipment used. O'Neal commented that both companies have general liability insurance and workers' compensation. Commissioner Johnson added that future bids needed to include an equipment list to ensure the companies could do the jobs. O'Neal stated he would get an equipment list from the vendors. O'Neal stated the Recreation Board would like a conceptual plan to add fields. O'Neal submitted quotes from two firms that work only with sports complexes. O'Neal stated that the quotes are identical in price and not to exceed \$7,500; quotes included the firms Lose & Associates and Barnes, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, Inc. O'Neal recommended BWSC. Motion to go forward with BWSC made first by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote. O'Neal stated the company will only work with them as a committee and recommended that a board member, Recreation Board members, and himself form the committee to meet with BWSC.

Chairman Helton moved to the approval of the variance request from Obscure Ventures, LLC. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman Helton moved to the approval of the variance request from Lois J. McFarland. Motion made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Chairman Helton; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton shifted to the approval of the variance request from Under His Shadow Ventures, LLC. Motion to approve made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman Helton moved to the approval of the variance request from Gerald and Dorothy Hayman, lot 65. Chairman Helton made first the motion to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton moved to the approval of the variance request from Gerald and Dorothy Hayman, lot 71. Chairman Helton made first the motion to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into executive session for personnel issues and real estate matters made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision. The board entered into executive session at 6:29 PM.

Chairman Helton made first the motion to come out of executive session. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Helton stated that no decision had been made.


CLOSING

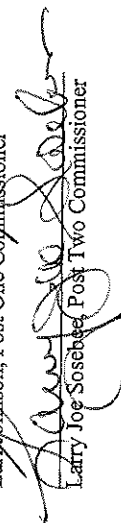
With no further business, Chairman Helton called for a motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Commissioner Johnson made first the motion to adjourn. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Attest:


Kristen Stone, Interim County Clerk


Stan Helton, Chairman


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner