



Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Jury Assembly Room  
June 13, 2017

### OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

The Invocation was led by Mr. Zack Ratcliff and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

Chairman Helton made a motion to allow Karen Jones to take minutes for the meeting, until a permanent clerk is assigned. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee, motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Helton noted next on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2017 special called meeting and the May 31, 2017 regular called meeting. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve the minutes. Second was made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Ron Arscott of 300 Forest Dr., Morganton. Brought forth concerns about N. Burgess Gap Rd. Mr. Arscott stated concerns that the road was in terrible disrepair and was concern that emergency personnel would not be able to travel safely on Rd. Mr. Arscott was told by the Road Dept. that Burgess Gap Rd was not on the county road list. However, he did have a letter from previous Chairman Dr. Vollrath stating that Burgess Gap was a county road. Commissioner Johnson stated that it would be researched to determine if road was officially approved by the board. Mr. Arscott was invited back to the July meeting. (Road approval and removal are only done in January and July)

Suzan Near resident of Atlanta and owner of a rental cabin off N. Burgess Gap, stated that the disrepair of the road would prevent renters from getting to the cabins that are rented in that area. This would also cost the county tax revenues if cabins couldn't be rented. Ms. Near request that the road be adopted by the county and submitted notes to be attached to the minutes.

Anne Seay invited all Commissioners to the Old Timer's Parade put on by the Business Association.

Joe Webb read a letter comparing and contrasting the Boy Scout law, oath, motto and slogan to government.

John Willis requested information on the paving schedule for Lickskiller Circle and requested it be moved up on the list.

### NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Dane Kirby made a request to enter in to loan agreement with United Community Bank to purchase two license plate readers from SSI for criminal intervention. Loan would be a \$40,000, three-year loan with yearly payments of \$14,191.00 at 2.79%. Cost would be covered by present budget and no extra monies would have to be requested. Motion was made by Chairman Helton to enter in to contract with UCB. Commissioner Sosebee made second. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff stated a need to replace an early 1970s trailer. Mr. Ratcliff presented a quote of \$27,979.00 on a new trailer from Rampant Trailer LLC out of Wendell, NC. Commissioner Johnson stated that the old trailer was a safety hazard and made a motion to purchase the new trailer. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton made motion to reappoint Richard York to the Fannin County Development Authority for three more years. Commissioner Johnson made the second and motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Stan Helton to approve a variance for Thomas and Sally Larson of 399 South Dream Catcher. Variance request is to build a 22 X 24 garage, twenty-nine feet from the edge of South Dream Catcher in Mountain Tops Subdivision, Lot #479. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Passed by unanimous vote.

Variance request made by Johnny Pittman and Jerry Hensley for property located at Scenic Height and Chickadee. Variance is to place house 20 feet from the edge of Scenic Dr. Lot #9  
Variance was opposed by Glen Chambers, President of the HOA. That house would be too close to the narrow road. Variance also opposed by Laurie Ostrum. Ms. Ostrum felt the house would be an eye sore and was too close to the narrow road. Stan Helton made a motion to approve variance. After no second was received, the motion failed. Commissioner Johnson encouraged the individuals involved to work matter out and then present a variance that all parties could agree with. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to table variance, second was made by Commissioner Sosebee. Opposed by Chairman Helton. Motion passed two to one.

Variance request was made by Robert Hill to place steps, 36 feet from the edge of Oriole Dr., in the Scenic Height Subdivision. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve variance. Second was made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Guy R. and Laura Gooch to build a 12x20 shed 17 feet from the edge of Flat Creek Circle. Chairman Helton made a motion to approve variance request. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Complex Bid was awarded to Engineered Structured, Inc. in the amount of \$2,876,706.00. Chairman Helton stated that the county could help cut costs even further by incurring some of the grading and plumbing work. Chairman Helton stated that the county had approximately 75% to 80% of funds were available. With the savings, it was decided to add Alternate 1 in the amount of \$128,366.00. Total cost \$3,005,072. This would add the addition of 5000 sq. ft. shell. Chairman Helton made the motion to move forward with the bid approval. Second was made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Workshop for Fire Dept. will be held June 27, 2017 at 5:00pm before the regular scheduled meeting at 6:00pm.

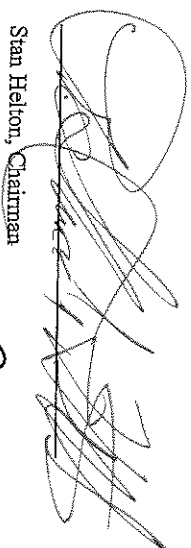
Robin Gazaway announced that ACCG had awarded dividend of almost \$30,000 to come off the county's Property and Liability insurance.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

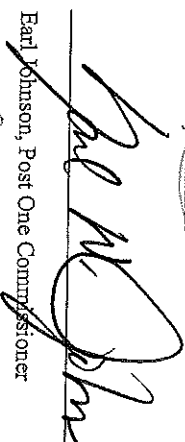
Chairman Helton asked if the board needed Executive Session and they agreed they did not.

#### CLOSING

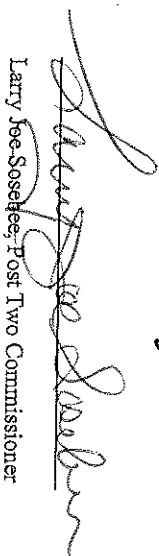
With no further business, Chairman Helton called for a motion to adjourn. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

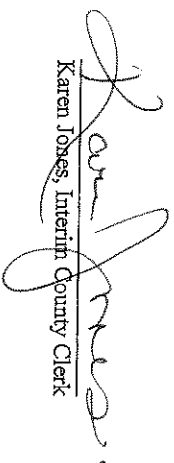


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

  
Karen Jones, Interim County Clerk