



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
January 9, 2018 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
The invocation was led by Lane Bishop and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Debi Holcomb-Sugar Creek area. Voiced her concern about the Tax Assessors Office being "attacked" by the Board of Commissioners.

Ralph Garner thanked the Board of Commissioners for making 2017 a productive year.

James Bond voiced his concern about overtime pay at Animal Control.

Dana Worm-Aska Road area. Voiced concern over Animal Control problems in Fannin. Stated that she thought Fannin should be more proactive in the approach to the animal issues that the county face.

Chairman Helton before closing public commentary added that Animal Control's overtime expenditures were down significantly from previous years. Chairman Helton commended John Drullinger on his efforts to manage overtime.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2018 Budget Resolution was first under new business. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to sign Resolution. Second made by Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, was a new appointment to the Library Board. Term will end January 1, 2021. Stan Helton made a motion for Steven Miracle to be appointed as a Library Board Trustee. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

It was determined that Rushton Accounting and Business Advisors/CPA Group would again do the county's yearly audit. The charge by Rushton would not exceed \$54,900. Audit is expected to begin February 15, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee to approve Rushton and Associates. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously.

Accept election qualifying fee for upcoming election. Post 2 Commissioner fee was set at \$349 and Board of Education (2 seats) fee was set at \$144. Dates to qualify are March 5th beginning at 9am and ending March 9th at noon. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve fees. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that Ken Petty had opted to be transferred to the Public Works Department and Chairman Helton was recommending Ed Hawkins to fill the Maintenance Department Head Position. Commissioner Sosebee made the motion to make the changes. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

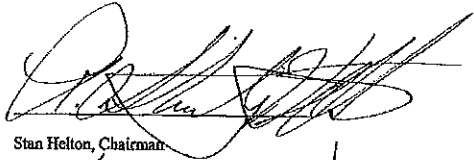
Last item, on the agenda was discussion of setting up a workshop concerning the hotel/motel tax. The split with the Chamber of Commerce this year is 40% to the county and 60% to the Chamber. Last year, this split was 30% to county and 70% to Chamber. Based on past performance the extra 10% that the County would receive would equate around \$150,000. Chairman Helton mentioned that the extra 10% could be set up in a separate checking account and that the funds could be discussed after the funds build up. Chairman Helton made a motion for a checking account to be set up for these funds. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Johnson stated that in the meantime the Board need to put ideas out for what those funds would be allotted for.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

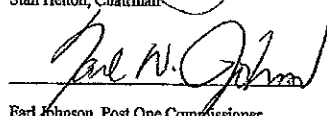
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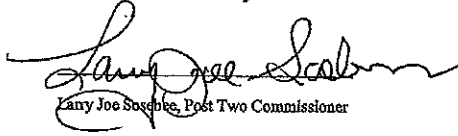
Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passes unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

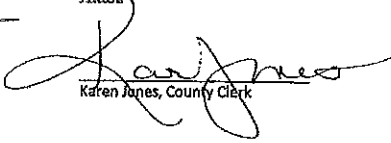


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Lany Joe Sosebte, Post Two Commissioner

Attest



Karen Jones, County Clerk