



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
January 23, 2018 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

The invocation was led by Mike Hawkins and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve minutes from the January 9, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Debi Holcomb-Sugar Creek area. Voiced her concern about a point of order concerning the County Attorney, Lynn Doss, not being placed on the agenda. Stated it had been voted on before the Christmas Holidays to be addressed after the budget was finalized.

Joe Webb of the Dial area of Fannin County voiced his concern that there was still no single document for local legislation.

Public Commentary closed at 5:22pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance request made by William and Kathleen Steele to place one corner of their garage 25 feet from the edge of Hardwood Ct. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Cook of BMA presented three quotes for radio equipment that would be used at the new public works complex. Quotes presented were:

Mountain Communications	\$20,526.85
Dalton Communications	\$27,323.38
South Communications	\$27,602.57

Cook stated that the purchase amount would be reimbursed by the Homeland Security Grant. Chairman Helton made the motion to approve the low bid from Mountain Communications in the amount of \$20,526.85. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Cook also presented to the Board an add on software for the 911 CAD system. This program will allow 911 to send messages to any phone and would allow emergency personnel to pinpoint those that may be lost. Total cost would be \$5,258.00 with a yearly maintenance fee of \$4,725.00. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee to approve purchase. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, was Zack Ratcliff of the Public Works Department. Ratcliff stated that the prior week's snow storm was a lot of ice mixed with snow. Because of this the Department had used 300 tons of salt and 150 tons of 89 gravel.

Ratcliff also stated that another vehicle lift had been installed at the garage and there were two pieces of equipment that are need of repair. The first being a 4-cylinder diesel chipper and second is a F-450 flatbed truck that both need new engines.

Also mentioned, part time employees have been out on roads picking up trash 28 hours a week.

Ratcliff also reported that between 2016 and 2017 payroll had been cut \$500,000.

Eddie O'Neal spoke on the Recreation Department. Visitor count was 1600 people in December. December the Recreation Center hosted a basketball tournament of 52 basketball teams.

Faith Presbyterian Church approached Mr. O'Neal with assisting them in their summer program that feeds around 200 needy children. O'Neal stated that he would need to contact Lynn Doss, County attorney, to go over the contract to see if it would work out.

Total revenue brought in by the Recreation Department was approximately \$210,000.00. Commissioner Johnson commended O'Neal on the record keeping that he had been doing.

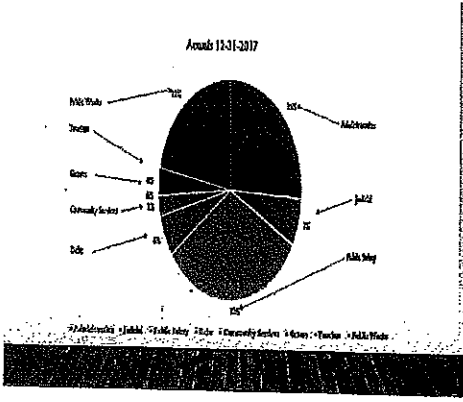
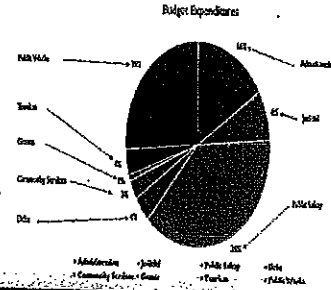
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Next on the Agenda was the Budget report by Robin Gazaway:

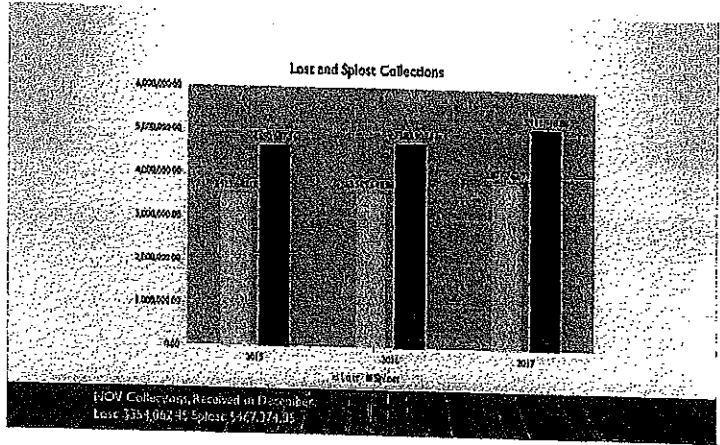
ADMINISTRATIVE NET OF TRANSFERS

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Public Works	1174	1174	1174
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Points of Interest ... 100% into the Budget

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Last on the agenda was Troy Junnier, member of the Tax Commissioner Board. Mr. Junnier made the request to purchase three new vehicles for the Assessor's office. Stated that they needed these vehicles to replace vehicles that spent more time in the shop than on the road. Commissioner Earl Johnson stated that vehicles had always been an issue for the Department and he was not in favor of new vehicles for the department. Stated he did not think it looked good on the county for the Appraisers to be going out in vehicles nicer than what the tax payers had. Chairman Helton agreed with Commissioner Johnson.

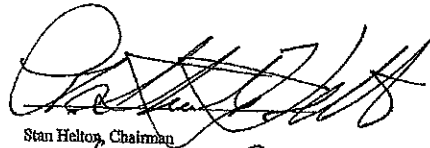
Chairman Helton asked Marie Woody, Department Head over Land Development if her Department had an extra vehicle and Woody said they did. Chairman Helton said he had no problem transferring that vehicle to the Assessor's office. After some discussion, Mr. Jummier was told that the car from Land Development would be looked over to make sure it was worthy and for the Assessor's office to get some quotes on some used vehicles and it would be addressed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

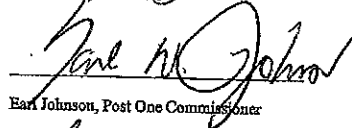
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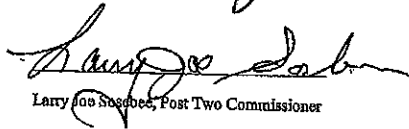
Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passes unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman

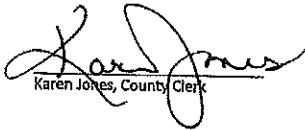


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Stogdole, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Karen Jones, County Clerk