



Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
Called Meeting  
Jury Assembly Room  
March 7, 2018 at 10:30am

**OPENING REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Helton said that there were two items on the agenda. Chairman Helton said the retirement and pension program if changed would NOT affect any county employee that had retired or was already employed with the county. If changed it would only affect new hires.

At present, Fannin County has a defined benefits retirement program. Chairman Helton explained that this pension plan was entirely funded by the county and payments were calculated according to length of service and the salary they earned at the time of retirement. The county presently contribute \$700,000 to \$800,00 a year to this plan.

Larry Rothelmei from GebCorp (ACCG) spoke on the 401a plan. Rothelmei stated that the 401a plan was similar to a 401k in the private sector. The 401a plan would be a voluntary plan that would work with the 457 plan. If an employee chooses to participate, they would contribute a portion of each check into the 457 plan and the county would match that contribution to a certain percent. This type of retirement would limit the county's financial exposure and would allow the employee to contribute into their own retirement as little or as much as they wanted.

Employees can also transfer plan to another job if they choose to leave and could control contribution amounts at any point in time.

Commissioner Johnson stated that he wanted to research the plan before any decisions were made. Chairman Helton asked that the Retirement and Pension be later discussed at the March 27, 2018 meeting.

Eddie O'Neal was next on the agenda with the bids for mowing of Tammen and Horseshoe Bend Parks. Chairman Helton stated he would not take part in the decision-making process because he does personal business with one of the bidders. Bids that were received were as follows:

4V Ranch	\$2200.00	a month
SDC	\$2100.00	a month
Farmers	\$1900.00	a month
Go Property	\$1800.00	a month

Chairman Sosebee stated even though 4V Ranch was high bidder, he felt they would do the best job. Commissioner Sosebee stated he had receive numerous complaints last year when someone else was mowing. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve 4V Ranch. Commissioner Sosebee made second. Chairman Helton abstained. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Helton made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel issue. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session began at 11:29a.m.

Chairman Helton made a motion to come out of executive session at 12:32p.m. Commissioner Sosebee made second. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Helton stated no decision was made in executive session.

**CLOSING**

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

Stan Helton, Chairman

Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner

Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

  
Karen Jones, County Clerk