

Fannin County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Jury Assembly Room December 12, 2017 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 made a motion to approve minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Webb voiced concern over local legislation.

Ian Eaton addressed her concern over the Animal Shelter. She also reported that 13 cases of parvo had been reported at the shelter and that Tri-State Animal Rescue were paying Dr. Mitchell's Clinic to treat the dogs.

Linda Kiker addressed her concern with the Animal Shelter facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to cancel the December 26, 2017 meeting. Chairman Helton made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by Blue Ridge Projects LLC to place a house 25-feet from the edge of the pavement of the culde-sac on Geronimo Road.

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve variance. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Mrs. Kathleen Tickner to the Library Board. Motion made by Chairman Helton to approve Mrs. Tickner's appointment. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Tickner's term will be January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021.

Patrick Cooke addressed the Board concerning the purchase of a radio tower for the new Public Safety Complex. Three quotes were obtained for this project. They are as follows:

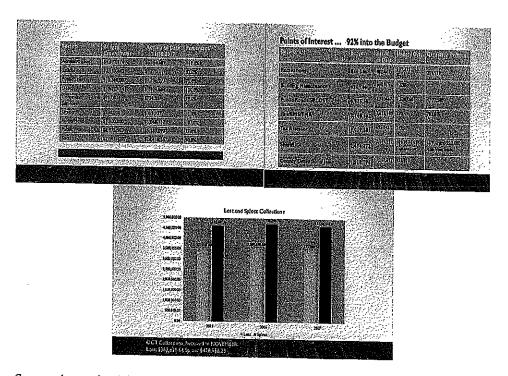
Ryco Technologies-\$22,000.00 Quest Tower Corp-\$28,824.64 Nello Corporation-\$40,030.00

Cooke recommended going with the lowest bid and informed the Board that they had received \$18,898.23 from a claim of a lost tower on Bullen Gap. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve quote from Ryco in the amount of \$22,000.00. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Dane Kirby addressed the Board of two annual contracts that were up for renewal. First contract was with Trinity Services Group. Trinity provides food services to the County Jail. Contract is based on the number of prisoners being fed and increased 1% from last year's contract amount. The second contract is with Southern Health Partners. This company provides the healthcare needs for prisoners. Contract amount increased 3% from last year's contract. Sheriff Kirby said they had received impeccable service and he would be afraid to change providers. Commissioner Sosebee made motion to approve both contracts. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Another issue Sheriff Kirby brought to the attention of the Board was Major Bosen was rear-ended on Hwy 5 and believes that the vehicle will be totaled. Kirby asked if the vehicle was totaled he felt it should not be used as an emergency vehicle but could be used by another department. Kirby had priced several vehicles and settled on a 2017 police vehicle in the amount of \$26,700.00 at Jacky Jones Chevrolet in Cleveland, Ga. Sheriff Kirby stated that he had met with Robin Gazaway and Chairman Helton concerning budgeting for this new vehicle and the money was there in the 2017 budget. Chairman Helton made a motion to purchase vehicle. Commissioner Sosebee seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly budget report by Robin Gazaway was as follows:



Gazaway also mentioned that since 2014 that the budget has increased 40% and the millage rate has declined. Chairman Helton and Gazaway both reiterated that this was an unsustainable trend and we must start slimming back on the budget or we have to raise taxes.

Following the monthly budget report the 2018 was introduced as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED/APPROVED BY 2009 BUDGET

PROPOSED/APPROVED FY 2018 BUDGET									
EXPENDITURES: GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT	<u>APPROVED</u>	EXPENDITURES: OTHER FUNDS	AMOUNT	<u>APPROVED</u>				
Administration	1,982,873	1,992,873	Law Library/clerk tech/revolving loan	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000				
Building Maintenance	583,198	583,198	Confiscated Assets Fund	4.000	4.000				
Land Development	251,744	251,744	Emergency/911 Telephone Fund	235,150	235,150				
Board of Elections	292,123	292,123	Donations/Special Projects/Recreation	100	230,100				
Recreations	835,823	835,823	Crime Victima Assistance Fines/D.A.	14,000	14,00{				
Arts Program	102,289	102,289	Drug Education & Treatment Fund	11,300	•				
Central Supply	18,000	18,000	Jali Fund/Fines	28,100	11,300				
Tax Commissioner	394,590	394,590	Juvenile Fund/Fines	4.000	28,100				
Tax Assessors	848,265	848,265	Multiple Grant Fund/Family Connections	,	4,000				
Board of Equalization	29,810	29.810	HoteVMotel Excise Tax/Tourism	137,550	137,550				
Superior Court	278,656	260,790	S.P.L.O.S.T. ROADS	1,301,500	1,301,500				
Clerk of Superior Court	560,557	560,567	· · · · · · ·	4,102,200	4,102,200				
Probate Court	297,306	297,305	S.P.L.O.S.T. CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,000,100	3,000,100				
Magistrate Court	217,452	217,452	Total Expenditure Other Funds	8,884,000	8,884,000				
District Attorney			General Fund Total	18,744,981 \$	<u> 18,771,55;</u>				
Juvenile Court	305,116	315,118	GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	27,628,981	\$ 27,655,651				
Public Defender	304,908 230,060	309,908							
Drug Task Force	45,000	259,438 45,000	φ						
Resource Officers	0	40,000	REVENUES						
Sheriff-	2,182,487	2,182,487	General Fund	\$					
County Detention/Jail	1,387,601	1,387,601	Law Library/Clerk Tech/Revolving loan	18,208,673	\$ 18,206,673				
Probation Office	31.823	31,823	Confiscation Assets Fund	46,000	45,000				
Fire Services	528,243	528,243		4,000	4,000				
Coroner	59,457	·	Emergency 911 Telephone Func	350,000	350,000				
Emergency Services/EMS/Ambulance	•	59,457	Donation/Special Projects Fund	100	100				
Emergency Management/EMA	2,073,973	2,073,973	Crime Victims Assistance Fines/D.A.	14,000	14,000				
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Emergency 911	516,637	516,637	Jali Fund/Fines		
Animal Control	,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	San Futtorines	28,100	28,100
	201,694	201,694	Juvenile Fund/Fines	4,000	4,000
Public Roads	2,085,162	2,085,162	Multiple Grant Fund/Family Connections	137,550	137,550
Environmental Monitoring	14,000	14,000	Hotel/Motel Excise Tax/Tourism	1,301,500	
Bond Payments	1,124,402	1,124,402	S.P.L.O.S.T. CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,001,000	1,301,500
Public Health	45,995	45,995	S.P.L.O.S.T. ROADS		
Department of Parish 6 Ot 114 O 1	•	74,045	ON ALCOST, NORDS	4,102,200	4,102,200
Department of Family & Children Services	50,558	60,558	GRAND TOTAL ALL REVENUE FUNDS	24,205,423	\$ 24,205,423
North Georgia Mountain Crisis Center	7,554	7,554	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Family Connections	20,000	20,000	Approximated fund balance		
North Georgia Community Action Agency	245,484	245.464	- Fr SIMMA INTO DESCRIPE	3,423,658	8,450,12
Mineral Springs Center	14,500	14,500			
County Extension	31,508	31,508		1	
Natural Resources Soil Conservation	13,000	13,000			
Mountain Regional Library	222,500	222,500			
North Georgia Regional Development	22,000	22,000			
Development Authority	140,936	140,936			
Historic Commission	6,000	•			
	\$	8,008			
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE TOTAL	18,744,981	\$ 18,771,551	GRAND TOTAL REVENUES AMENDED	\$ 27,628,981	\$ 27,655,561

Both Commissioner Sosebee and Commissioner Johnson expressed concern over budget cuts to Magistrate Court and asked for those cuts be reversed.

Commissioner Sosebee and Commissioner Johnson both stated that on the elected officials the Board shouldn't tell them what to do with their line items.

The increase of \$9,282 for Magistrate would be a 11% increase for the department's payroll. Chairman Helton stated that with insurance and retirement being taken out of Administration instead of each individual department that Magistrate was actually already receiving an increase. Judge Jones spoke up and disagreed.

Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the Magistrate Court line items. Commissioner Johnson spoke up stating he would hold meeting to midnight to get all changes approved to go line item by line item. Chairman Helton spoke up and retracted his motion and instead asked about approving the total budget amount of \$ 27,647,178. This amount included all changes made. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve budget. Commissioner Sosebee made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chaiman Helton asked if there was any need for executive session and Commissioner Johnson spoke up and said yes for personnel issues. Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to enter into executive session. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to jury assembly room at 7:11pm. Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Johnson made second. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Helton informed those in attendance that no decision was made on personnel in executive session.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Stan Holton, Chairman

East Johnson, Post One Commissioner

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Attests

Karen Jones, County Clerk