



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
July 10, 2018 at 5:15pm

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
Mr. Graham led the invocation, and Commissioner Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sosebee made a motion to approve minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Sandy Daughtery expressed concern about the proposal given to the post commissioners from GMASS.
Joe Webb addressed the board with questions regarding county-wide, short-term planning and budgeting.
Carol Chamberlain proposed to alter the format of Board of Commissioner meetings to be more inclusive of community members.

Ralph Garner questioned the results of the investigation into Bernie Hodskins; Mr. Garner also questioned the results of the most recent county audit and expressed disapproval for how Dawn Cochran was addressed at a previous meeting.

Marcela Osteen expressed concerns over the accessibility and content of the audit.

John Trotter expressed concerns regarding an apartment complex being built on La Vista Drive, specifically on the zoning and permits for these apartments. Chairman Helton addressed concerns of zoning and recommended Mr. Trotter speak with the Land Development Manager.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:38pm

NEW BUSINESS

Variance request was made for MDOE Properties LLC to build a new home with a porch 25 feet from the edge of Overlook Drive (lot #8). Motion to approve made by Commissioner Sosebee. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request made by James and Camille Aurelio for 1023 Knollwood Road for an existing shed several feet from Knollwood road. Motion to approve made by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Patrick Cook of Fannin Emergency Management Agency made a request for new equipment to replace outdated recording devices for the EMA to be installed in their new location at the facility currently under construction. Of 4 quotes, Mr. Cook requested the Higher Ground recorder citing reasons as: the operators have experience with this system, reliable and accessible customer support of Replay (EMA's current vendor), and a price of \$16,029. This choice was the second cheapest of the 4 provided quotes, costing approximately \$1,500 more than the cheapest and \$3,000 cheaper than the most expensive. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Johnson. Second made by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Graham provided an update on the construction of the new fire station. He reported that the exterior was complete aside from minor trim work, and that the garage doors were in place as well as most other

doors. He also reported that sheetrock is partially hung and plumbing and electrical is underway. The raised floor for the 911 center is now in place. No more payments have been made, and the payment status is currently at 57%. Mr. Graham reported a projected completion date of some time in August. Mr. Graham described future plans for the facility as including an EMA center, 911 center, and future training facilities as well as being built to resist weather up to and including tornados. Chairman Helton described this project as the "number one priority." Commissioner Johnson expressed his belief that this facility will be a "good return for the taxpayers' money."

Chairman Helton proposed to move the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for July 24th to July 25th to avoid a conflict with the upcoming election. Motion made by Chairman Helton. Second made by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

CLOSING

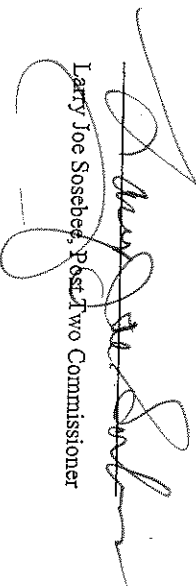
Chairman Helton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson made the second. Motion passed unanimously.



Stan Helton, Chairman




Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Karen James, County Clerk, Acting Clerk