



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing
Jury Assembly Room
December 11, 2018 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Helton called the hearing to order at 5:00 PM.

Joe Webb expressed concern about the change made on the budget versus what had been published in the legal organ. Chairman Helton remarked that it is a proposed budget.

Sheriff Dane Kirby asked for clarification regarding Webb's comments.

Chairman Helton clarified that the health insurance had been taken out of the Administration line item and placed into its own line item.

Commissioner Johnson remarked he was glad the insurance was in its own line item.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton made first the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stan Helton".

Stan Helton, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Earl Johnson".

Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Larry Joe Sosebee".

Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lynn Doss".

Lynn Doss, Interim County Clerk



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
December 11, 2018 5:15 PM

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

The Invocation was led by Zach Ratcliff and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

Chairman Helton made a motion for Robin Gazaway to take the minutes for the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Helton discussed adding the cancellation of the last December meeting as it would fall on Christmas. Chairman Helton made a motion to add item 3a to the agenda, cancelling the December 25 meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 regular meeting was made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Joe Webb commented on the budget and stated he felt the budget that should be approved is what was published in the legal organ, not something that was changed. Webb stated he did not think that was legal. Webb stated the budget should include a capital budget, Chairman's narrative, and management guidance. Webb said the board is doing a half job and would appreciate if they did a full job.

Jan Eaton thanked Commissioner Sosebee for his motion to vaccinate dogs upon intake at Animal Control years before and commented it was a positive move for the animals, rescuers, and doctors. Eaton commented on an Open Records Request she had submitted and inquired about why County Attorney Lynn Doss was filing the requests.

Kathy Duvall commented on the progress that had been made at the Animal Control facility. Duvall commented specifically on the creation of outdoor kennels, a dog run that would be constructed, and tarps on the kennels to keep the wind away. Duvall called for everyone to work together to make Animal Control the best that it can be.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Helton made a motion to cancel the December 25, 2018 meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

The next agenda item was a variance request from Charles Flowers. Motion to approve variance made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Sosebee; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman Helton moved to a variance request from Cass Publications, LLC. Zach Welch was present in support of the variance. Motion to approve variance made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Chairman Helton; motion passed unanimously.

Next was a variance request from Charles Gruber. Gruber was present at the meeting. Motion to approve variance made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Dane Kirby explained that the inmate medical was provided by Southern Health Partners and their contract had to be renewed annually. Kirby explained Southern Health Partners was requesting around a

3% increase. Motion to approve contract made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton shifted to a contract from Rushton & Associates for the 2018 audit. Chairman Helton commented that the price had changed from \$55,000 to not exceed \$57,900. Commissioner Sosebee commented that this would be the third year Fannin County had used Rushton & Associates. Commissioner Johnson stated he felt next year the board should accept bids from other companies but stated the firm had been thorough. Motion made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman Helton moved to approving the 2019 Budget. Chairman Helton commented that health insurance had previously been brought under administration, but it had been separated out as the Risk Management line item for more transparency; Chairman Helton commented that the separation did not change the total of \$19,010,743. Chairman Helton stated that the proposed Administration budget was \$628,286. Commissioner Sosebee inquired about the Tax Assessors budget and stated he understood the Tax Assessors Board were going to have a Called Meeting to try and amend their budget. Chairman Helton commented that the total for the Tax Assessors included a contract for GM/ASS. Commissioner Johnson clarified that in years past, the money for health insurance was allocated into each department's budget but now was under the line item Risk Management. Chairman Helton added that the reason in taking the health insurance out from each individual department was to protect the employees. Chairman Helton commented that the increase for General Fund expenditures was 1.25% and he felt that was holding the line well. Commissioner Johnson asked if there was any way to re-incorporate the revenues from the Recreation Department into their own line item. Motion to approve the 2019 budget made first by Chairman Helton. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson; motion passed unanimously.


Chairman Helton presented Commissioner Sosebee with a plaque to thank him for serving eight years on the board. Commissioner Sosebee said it had been a thrill and a long ride. Commissioner Johnson said it had been a long ride, but he had enjoyed serving with Commissioner Sosebee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

CLOSING


Motion to close made first by Commissioner Sosebee. Motion made second by Chairman Helton; motion passed by unanimous vote. Chairman Helton wished everyone a Merry Christmas.



Stan Helton, Chairman

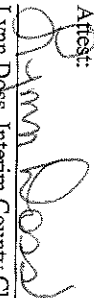


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Larry Joe Sosebee, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Lynn Doss, Interim County Clerk