



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
July 9, 2019 5:15 p.m.

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

Present in meeting were Chairman Helton, Post One Commissioner Earl Johnson and Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson.

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Glenn Patterson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Workshop & June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Second Motion made by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Glenn Holland approached the podium to express his dissatisfaction with the assessment on his property taxes.

Ralph Garner approached the podium to make remarks regarding the June 19th confrontation between Chairman Helton and Kirk Williams. Mr. Garner also elaborated on the number of dogs taken in by Tri-State Pet Rescue compared to Animal Control and Blue Ridge Human Society.

Joe Webb approached the podium to comment on road striping and the budget amendment.

Last to approach the podium was Jane Eaton. Ms. Eaton spoke regarding overtime pay to the Animal Control Officers.

Public Commentary closed at 5:21 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

First on the agenda was Item #3, Variance Request from Richard C. & Darlene Dickinson to build a garage 37 feet from the edge of Spruce Drive and 42 feet approximately from the centerline of Spruce Drive. Property location is 105 Spruce Drive, Suches, Georgia. Motion made first by Chairman Helton to approve variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #4, Variance Request from Jeffrey & Monica Gatt due to one corner of the house being 50 feet 2 inches from the centerline of the present road instead of 55 feet from the centerline. The foundation and walls are poured and too close to the centerline of the road. Property location is 169 Smart Mt. Road. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson.

Next on the agenda was Item #5, Reappointment of Mr. James Jones to the Fannin County Board Department of Child and Family Services for another four-year term. Motion made first by Chairman Helton for the reappointment of James Jones. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #6, discussion regarding the remodeling of the old fire station building. Chairman Helton stated the building presently housed the offices of the County Extension, Coroner's Office, The Red Cross and a Chaplain's Office. Chairman Helton stated the building was in immediate need

of a new roof. Chairman Helton went over the two quotes on the roof repair. First quote was from Steve Stacy Roofing in the amount of \$30,723.16 and the second quote was from J&D Construction & Excavating in the amount of \$28,147.00. The Board compared the quotes and noted neither of the estimates included gutters. Commissioner Patterson stated he felt the new roof would take care of some of the moisture problems; but the building needed a lot of work. Commissioner Patterson stated he didn't know for the people that worked over there; how long their offices would remain there. Commissioner Patterson stated he thought there might be some mold in there also and that needed to be checked out; we don't want any danger to the employees. Commissioner Patterson stated he had gone over to the building and the floors needed to be repaired and the door wasn't by code; he would like to see the door entry repaired also. Commissioner Johnson stated the first repair to be done would be the roof. Commissioner Johnson stated there was a difference in the estimate with J&D Construction as far as tearing off the existing roof and replacing decking as with the other estimate, there may be some extra charges for amount of work to be done. Chairman Helton addressed Commissioner Patterson regarding the office spaces by stating, "I think we should plan on the building for office space because there are other entities in the county that we support that may have needs for office space in the future. Rentals in the Blue Ridge area are going up and I know a couple offices that have concerns and one of them has already received notice of rent going up and we directly support it through the budget." "There are no plans to take any of the offices out of there; and there is room as these needs come up." Chairman Helton also stated it was a county asset with value and we should take care of it. Commissioner Johnson commented on the gutters and having gutters put back up to control the moisture problems. Chairman Helton clarified the gutters was not included in either estimate. Chairman Helton stated new gutters would need to be added also; and he would check on gutter pricing. Chairman Helton made Motion first to go with the J&D Construction quote in the amount of \$28,147.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion opposed by Commissioner Patterson. Motion carried two to one.

Next on the agenda was Item #7, Zack Ratcliff, Director of Public Works stated they had been approved for an LMIG grant for the year of 2020 in the amount of \$732,476.14 and that was \$68,000 more than the last LMIG grant. This would be used for paving.

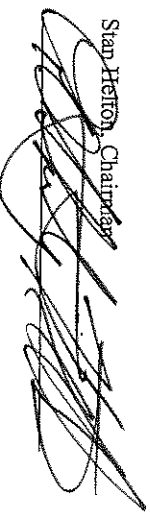
Mr. Ratcliff spoke regarding the detention transportation that would be needed for the Colwell Detention workers. Mr. Ratcliff stated it was very hard to find a passenger van; but he finally located one at A&A Auto Rental in Blairsville. The van is a 2010 E350 with 100,000 miles for \$13,000.00. The van seats 15 passengers but it was set up for 12 passengers. Mr. Ratcliff stated it would need to be reliable transportation and most of the vans he looked at had around 200,000 or 300,000 miles on them. Commissioner Patterson asked about paying the workers if they didn't show up. Mr. Ratcliff stated if they weren't there, they would not get paid. Commissioner Johnson asked about carrying tools and equipment. Mr. Ratcliff stated there would be a trailer set up to carry tools and equipment. Commissioner Patterson asked when the van would be available. Mr. Ratcliff stated it would be ready on July 22. Chairman Helton made first Motion to approve the used van in the amount of \$13,000. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

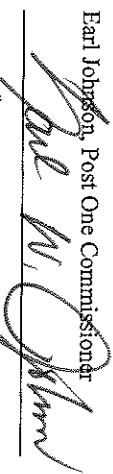
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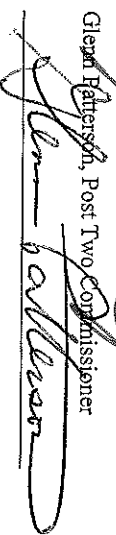
No Executive Session was needed at present time.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn made at 5:56 p.m. first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.


Stan Helton, Chairman


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Sherril Walker, County Clerk