



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
October 22, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Jacqueline Howard approached the podium to express her concerns regarding the 5 G technology and the healthcare concerns for the community.

Bill Fleming spoke to the Board regarding the recycling of glass bottles here in Fannin County and the lack of not having a facility to dispose of glass items. Mr. Fleming also commented on the issue of using round up weed killers and the effects it has on bees and the production of our local honey.

Lastly, Jan Eaton approached the podium and made several comments on the Admin users of the county's Animal Control Facebook account.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:27 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

First on the agenda was Item #3, variance request from Cooper Properties, LLC to replace the existing house and rebuild within 10 feet of the property line. This is the best location for the new home. Chairman Helton stated this variance had been previously tabled from the last Board meeting to allow the requestor time to display the notice of variance poster at the property. Chairman Helton made first motion to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #4, Chief Financial Officer Robin Gazaway presented the 2019 Budget Report for January through September 2019.

Next on the agenda was Item #5, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss spoke regarding the Alcoholic Beverage License application from Stephanie Nicole Cots. Ms. Doss asked the Board to table this issue until further notice as to have time to get with the applicant to clarify some of the questions on the application.

Next on the agenda was Item #6, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss gave an update on Condemnations. Ms. Doss stated there were filings in Superior Court on the Ada Street property and the Mobile property. Ms. Doss stated it was possible these would be scheduled on the Court calendar in December.

Next on the agenda was Item #7, Executive Director of Project Chimps Ali Crumpacker. Ms. Crumpacker approached the Board requesting approval for the housing of 20 more chimpanzees. Chairman Helton stated everything on the application appeared to be in order. Chairman Helton made first motion to approve relocating 20 chimpanzees to Fannin County. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #8, EMA Director Robert Graham advised the Board of receiving an ACCG Grant for Emergency Services in the amount of \$3,000.00. Mr. Graham stated they would like the Board's approval to use the grant for the purchase of a washer extractor for the turn out gear. Mr. Graham advised he received three quotes with the lowest quote being \$3,959.00 and highest being \$11,299.00. Mr. Graham stated he had a quote in the amount of \$5,441.00 which included shipping and installation. Mr. Graham stated he would like to purchase the extractor for the amount of \$5,441.00 using the grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 leaving a total due of \$2,441.00 which would come out of the old SPL OST account for the Fire Station. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the washer extractor in the amount of \$5,441.00 using the grant and old SPL OST. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda was Item #9, Memorandum of Agreement between GDOT and Fannin County for the project of Shallowford Bridge. Chairman Helton stated the beginning of construction time frame would be around Spring 2021 and it would take about one year to construct the new bridge and leave the existing bridge up until 2022. GDOT will hand off the inspection and maintenance responsibility to the county on the old bridge. At that time, the county will need to make a determination if the bridge will be closed off just for light pedestrian traffic or completely close it off and make it look attractive. If we do not agree to sign this memorandum, the GDOT will demo the bridge and the history of the 101 year old bridge will be lost forever. There has been a lot of community input on this and basically the public would like for the bridge to be saved. So that is the path we will be proceeding with, and at some point in the future, we would have to spend money on this bridge and it would be determined by an engineering company. Commissioner Johnson stated, "The bridge has a long line of history in the county and no matter how you look at it, we will have to spend money on it." Commissioner Patterson asked, "If it would stay open until the new bridge is constructed?". Chairman Helton stated, "It would stay open." Chairman Helton stated, "The new bridge would cost \$2 million at the cost of GDOT." Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson asked, "If it would be possible before the next meeting to get an update on the Madola Bridge. Chairman Helton stated the information would be provided to him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion to adjourn made at 5:55 p.m. first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Star Helton, Chairman




Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner



Glen Patterson, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:



Sherri Walker, County Clerk