



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
December 10, 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.

Chairman Helton moved to amend the agenda to add an Item being Item #8 as Audit Proposals and moving Item #9 as being Cancellation of Fannin County Board of Commissioner's Meeting on December 24, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton made Motion first to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

First to approach the podium was Joe Webb. Mr. Webb commented on the increase of garbage service, stating that his rate had gone up 20%. Mr. Webb also referred to comments in which Commissioner Johnson had made in the prior meeting regarding the need for people to serve on several local boards.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:21 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

First on the agenda was Item #3, Director of Recreation, Eddie O'Neal presented the Board with the recommendation of re-appointments of several present Board members. Those Board members are as follows: Brandon Holloway for two years, Charlene Foster for two years, Ms. Foster will be replacing Mandy Dixon, Chris Hyde for three years, Ryan Sullivan for three years, Cline Bowers for three years, and Gail O'Neil's appointment is valid until 2022. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the re-appointments. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neal also asked the Board to approve pricing for the gates & security system at Horseshoe Bend and Tamen Park. Mr. O'Neal stated he did not want the pricing to exceed \$16,000.00 and the present cost was estimated to be \$15,654.00. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the cost for the gates and security. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #4, John Kieffer approached the podium requesting the Board to approve a Right-Of-Way Easement for the purpose of installing support beams under the property located at 344 West Main St., Blue Ridge which is adjacent to the property of applicant which is located at 322 West Main Street, Blue Ridge, Georgia. Mr. Kieffer presented to the Board, the development plans and explained the process of construction with the support beams. Mr. Kieffer also added information regarding the parking deck and how the City and County would benefit from the 186 extra parking spaces.

Next on the agenda was Item #5, Sheriff Dane Kirby approached the Board for approval of the Health Services Agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc. and Fannin County and the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Kirby explained the contract period would be from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with the base annualized fee of \$118,456.32 (\$9,871.36 month). The pricing reflects a 3% annual increase

from last year. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approval the Health Services Agreement. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 was Cider House Application for Alcoholic Beverage License. Chairman Helton stated that the application appeared to be in order and the Sheriff and Fire Chief Larry Thomas had signed the appropriate paperwork in which was required. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the license. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Item #7, 2020 Fannin County Financial Budget. Chairman Helton stated the Grand Total Proposal of the Budget is \$28,564,665 which is an increase from 2019 of \$854,000 or 3% of the previous year. Commissioner Patterson stated this is one of the most important things we do all year long. Commissioner Patterson stated he had a meeting with the CFO and got paperwork from Ms. Gazaway to help him understand. Commissioner Patterson stated he didn't see any problem with it; and he hoped the Board could come to a decision. Commissioner Johnson stated he had received the numbers for the estimated fund balance. Commissioner Johnson stated he was fine with the budget as presented but still concerned with the reporting of revenues. Commissioner Johnson stated it would be nice to report how many building permits were issued in the Land Development to gage where we are going in the future. Chairman Helton stated he wanted to comment on the fact that everyone's input was important; and we all had the same goal for it to be best for the taxpayers. Chairman Helton stated he would like to thank both Commissioners for their input. Chairman Helton stated it was a very important process and greatly appreciative of everything. Commissioner Patterson commended Ms. Gazaway for the job she does. Commissioner Patterson stated it was a very difficult position and she had gone over everything with him. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the 2020 Proposed Budget. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Johnson asked if the Board could get the estimated General Fund Balance on a monthly basis.

Items #8 on the agenda was the presentations of four Audit Proposals. The Board compared the four different proposals and discussed several points of each audit. After much comparison and discussion, the Board agreed to accept the proposal from Bates, Carter and Company, LLP in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the FY2019 with Single Audit, per major program, if needed in the amount of \$3,500.00. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the proposal from Bates, Carter and Company, LLP. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda was Item #9, discussion on the cancellation of Fannin County Board of Commissioners' Meeting on December 24, 2019. Chairman Helton made motion first to cancel the December 24, 2019 Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

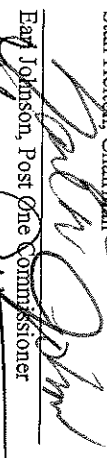
EXECUTIVE SESSION


No Executive Session needed.

CLOSING


Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.


Stan Helton, Chairman


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherril Walker, County Clerk