



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
February 11, 2020 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 made a Motion first to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

First to approach the podium was Ralph Garner. Mr. Garner made several comments regarding the lodging tax collected for Fannin County and how it was disbursed between the Chamber of Commerce and the county.

Next to approach the podium was Mr. Joe Webb. Mr. Webb commented on the answering of questions in the public commentary. Also, Mr. Webb compared our county with the surrounding counties regarding the public commentary of the Board Meetings and recommended the county be more transparent.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:23 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3 on the agenda was a Variance Request from Mr. Keith Curr to place a house 30 feet from the edge of Oak Ridge Way and 35 feet from the centerline of Oak Ridge Way. Mr. Robert Morris and Mr. Gary Gelderman of the Hemptown Heights subdivision were present again to express their safety concerns regarding the variance. The Board explained their position and requirements on approving the variance. Chairman Helton made motion first to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was Executive Director of Fannin County Family Connection Sherry Morris. Ms. Morris gave a brief overview of every service in which the Family Connection Facility provides to our community and how many families it serves and provides for during the year. Ms. Morris presented the contract between the Fannin County Family Connection and Fannin County as being Fiscal Agent. Ms. Morris ended with thanking the Board for all their support in which they have provided to the agency. The Board individually commended Ms. Morris and the agency for everything in which they do for the community. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was Director of Fannin County Recreation Department Eddie O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal presented to the Board two mowing bids for the Tom Boyd Park. The first bid was from GBD Excavating in the amount of \$3,200.00 for a twelve- month contract. The second bid was from Greens Lawn Service in the amount of \$2,400.00 for a twelve- month contract. Mr. O'Neal recommended going with the lowest bid. Chairman Helton made motion first to approve the mowing bid from Greens Lawn Service in the amount of \$2,400.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was Executive Director of the Fannin County Development Authority Christie Gribble. Ms. Gribble gave a brief overview of the Economic Development within the county and she also stressed the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census. Ms. Gribble also gave a presentation to the Board on the implementation of the Broadband Ready Program and what it means for our community. Ms. Gribble also spoke to the Board about the implementation of an ordinance for a Broadband Ready Community. Ms. Gribble stated she would like the county to apply to this program. Ms. Gribble recommended to the Board that the county adopt a model ordinance for the program, amend the Comprehensive Plan and apply to be designated as a Broadband Ready Community. County Attorney Lynn Doss explained the process for adopting the ordinance. Chairman Helton made motion first to adopt an ordinance on Broadband Ready. Commissioner Patterson made motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

Items #6 on the agenda was the new appointment of Lucas Roof to the Fannin County Development Authority. Christie Gribble stated Mr. Lucas Roof would be filling the term of Darren Danner. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the new appointment of Lucas Roof. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gribble also advised the Board of roof repairs that were needed on the Ada Street facility. She stated the roof had been leaking during all the rain and the facility had flooded. Ms. Gribble had stated Ed Hawkins had an estimate of approximately \$10,000 for the roof repairs. Commissioner Johnson asked about the cost of the repairs and the proposed bid. Chairman Helton stated this would be an emergency contract since the roof was in need of immediate repair. Ms. Gribble stated this estimate was from Aaron Allen. Chairman Helton asked if the repairs would exceed \$10,000 and Ms. Gribble stated that it should not exceed that amount. Chairman Helton made a motion first to approve the roof repairs to the Ada Street facility in the amount of \$10,000. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 8 on the agenda was the 2019 Budget Report for January 2019 through December 2019 given by Chief Financial Officer Robin Gazaway.

Item #9 on the agenda was Fannin County EMA Director Robert Graham. Mr. Graham presented to the Board for approval the Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Benning, Georgia and State of Georgia Counties (Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Hall, Lumpkin, Union, & White). Mr. Graham explained the All Hazard – All Emergency Mutual Aid Assistance Memorandum of Agreement and how the assistance worked during emergency situations that may happen within our county. Mr. Graham stated he spoke with Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding the agreement and stated Mr. Kirby was in favor of it. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not needed a present time.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:28 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:

Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk