



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Scheduled Regular Meeting
June 23, 2020, 5:15 p.m.
Jury Assembly Room – Third Floor

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

Present in Board Meeting were Chairman Helton, Post One Commissioner Earl Johnson, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss and County Clerk Sherri L. Walker.

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Glenn Patterson. The Pledge was led by Commissioner Earl Johnson.

Chairman Helton made an addendum to the agenda to add Item #12 being the agreement between Fannin County BOC and the University of Georgia Board of Regents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1st, 2020 Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Chairman Helton. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No Public Commentary.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2 on the agenda was Clerk of Superior Court Dana Chastain. Ms. Chastain approached the Board regarding repairs for removal of one fixed glass on exterior wall. Ms. Chastain stated this has been an ongoing problem with water leakage for a couple of years. Ms. Chastain presented a proposal in the amount of \$600.00 from Aaron Allen/Jason Larkin to do the repairs.

Ms. Chastain also presented to the Board a proposal to install new walls, doors, and glass located in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court. Ms. Chastain proceeded to explain to the Board the impact in which the Coronavirus had taken on her office; and how she felt this would allow all the citizens and businesses in Fannin County to continue to conduct business with the Clerks Office without any interruptions to the daily functions. Ms. Chastain gave the proposal in the amount of \$35,377.00 from Aaron Allen/Jason Larkin and provided a copy of the drawing details. Chairman Helton stated the amount of \$35,000 was reflected in the Capital Outlay Equipment portion of the Clerk of Court's Budget. Chairman Helton also stated the County would pay the \$600 estimate for the repair of the window leak out of the Building/Maintenance Budget. Chairman Helton made motion first to approve the \$600 estimate to repair leak and to approve the \$35,377.00 estimate, both from Aaron Allen/Jason Larkin, to complete the renovations to the Clerk of Court Office with cost coming out of the Clerk of Court's Budget. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 was a Variance Request from Thomas and Katrina Jourdan to build a carport 17 feet from the edge of Claude Neal Lane which is the best location next to the house for the carport. Chairman Helton stated he had looked at the property and did not see the notice of variance posted on the property. Commissioner Patterson stated he had visited the property also and did not see the notice of variance either. Commissioner Johnson stated notice needed to be posted. Chairman Helton made motion first to table the variance for two weeks until July 14th Regular Board Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 was a Variance Request from Blue Ridge Lake Investments, LLC to build a structure 20 feet from the edge of the Indian Trail and 26 feet from the centerline of Indian Trail. This is a very small lot. Herb Wyrndam and Teresa Joel addressed the Board opposing the variance. Chairman Helton made a motion first to table the variance until the July 14th Regular Board Meeting to give the parties time for a resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was a Variance Request from William S. & Nicole H. Tankersley to place a garage 27 feet from edge of Dry Branch Road & Mr. Side Drive 15 feet from edge, 35 feet from centerline of Dry Branch & 25 feet from Mr. Side Drive. Mr. William S. Tankersley was present for variance request. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was a Variance Request from Gary & Youhua Zhu Meyerhoff to place an addition to the garage 36 feet from the centerline of Gibbs Trail and 24 feet from the edge of Gibbs Trail. This is the best location to place the addition. Mr. Gary Meyerhoff was present for variance request. Chairman Helton made motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was a Variance Request from James and Leslie Callender to build a mother-in-law cottage one foot from the property line as close to existing house as possible to limit walking distance for elderly parents. Mr. and Mrs. Callender were both present for approval of variance. After the Board expressed their concerns with the variance request and discussed with the parties, Chairman Helton made motion first not to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously not to approve variance.

Items #8 on the agenda was the 2020 Budget Report for January through May.

Item #9 on the agenda was Fannin County Fire Chief Larry Thomas. Chief Thomas approached the Board to give an update on ISO. Chief Thomas elaborated on some of the protocols put into place regarding the ISO rating. Commissioner Patterson and Commissioner Johnson asked about problems with fire hydrants in the county and cities. After discussions regarding the problems with the fire hydrants, the Board advised Chief Thomas to present an update again at the next scheduled Board Meeting on July 14th.

Item #10 on the agenda was Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff. Mr. Ratcliff approached the Board regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 LMTG. The Georgia Department of Transportation formulated the amount of \$732,476.14 with a local match of 30% being \$219,742.84 for a total of \$952,218.98. Mr. Ratcliff stated the 30% match would be advertised for bids. Mr. Ratcliff presented a 2020 Paving Proposal for the following roads: Sugar Creek beginning at Scenic Drive and ending at Chestnut Gap Road, length of 1.0 miles, Curtis Switch Road beginning at Hwy. 60 and ending at Ada Street, length of 2.2 miles, & Galloway Road beginning at Ada Street and ending at SR 5, length of 3.5 miles. Mr. Ratcliff also presented to the Board a list for Fannin County Road Chip & Seal for 2020. Chairman Helton stated there was no need to vote on the issue until the bids were available. The Board agreed to move forward with the project and bid proposal.

Item #11 on the agenda was the Land Lease Agreement with Verizon. The location would be by the Public Works Department. The proposal was for annual rent for \$9,000 to be paid in monthly installments over a five (5) year term. Both Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Patterson stated they felt it was a good deal and would provide service out Aska Road. Chairman Helton made motion first to approve the agreement. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Last Item on the agenda was Item #12, the annual contract with Fannin County and The University of Georgia Board of Regents on behalf of the Cooperative Extension. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the contract. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was needed at present time.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion made 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:

Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk