



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
October 13, 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.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Patterson. Pledge was led by Commissioner Johnson.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 22nd, 2020 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting via Teleconference. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No Public Commentary was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2 on the agenda was a variance request from Theodore Pipkin Strube & Kimberly Mewborne Strube to build a new home with porches 30 feet from the edge and 40 feet from the center line of Deer Crest Road, Lot #21. No one was present to oppose the variance request. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was a variance request from Kathy Burger Kaylor to place a mobile home with a porch 32 feet from the edge and 40 feet from the center line of East Thomas Road. No party was present to oppose the variance. Chairman Helton made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was Eddie O'Neal, Director of Recreation. Mr. O'Neal approached the Board regarding the purchase of a new bus for the Recreation Department. Mr. O'Neal stated the MATS bus which was presently being used for the After-School Program was broke down. Mr. O'Neal stated he had a quote for a new bus from Thomas Bus Sales who sells to the school system. The bus would be a fourteen passenger plus the driver; and each seat has lap belts for safety. Mr. O'Neal stated the quote was in the amount of \$56,500 and suggested the purchase be made through SPLOST. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the bus in the amount of \$56,500. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

The second SPLOST item from Mr. O'Neal was to replace lighting at the Rec Department with LED lights along with LED Scoreboards. Mr. O'Neal stated this would cut down on cost and constantly changing out the bulbs. The cost is \$27,837.00. Chairman Helton stated this was always a problem at the Rec Department. Commissioner Patterson asked when they would be put in. Mr. O'Neal stated by Thanksgiving. Commissioner Johnson asked about changing the fixtures. Mr. O'Neal stated they would not change the entire fixture. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the request of changing to LED lights and scoreboards, in the amount of \$27,837.00. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was the Boiler Service Agreement with Combustion & Control Solutions, Inc. Chairman Helton stated the agreement was for the service routine being quarterly with the service contract fee being \$996.00 per visit. Chairman Helton made a motion first to approve the service agreement. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the Bid Proposals for Pre-Contract Disaster Debris Monitoring. EMA Director Robert Graham approached the podium to elaborate on the topic. The following companies submitted Bid Proposals: DebrisTech, LLC, Thompson Consulting Services, and TetraTech. Mr. Graham stated he would collect the Bids for review. Chairman Helton made a motion first to table the award of the bid until the Board Meeting of November 10, 2020. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

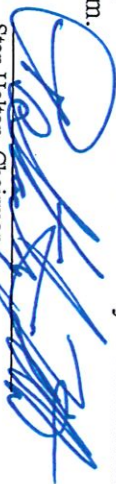
Last item on the agenda was Item #7, discussion regarding the publications of the Public Hearings and Adoption of the Lodging Ordinance Revisions. Chairman Helton explained how the Hotel/Motel Tax would shift the tax burden away from the citizens in the community and shift it to tourism for Public Safety. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to increase the lodging tax from 5% to 6% and to start the publication process. Commissioner Patterson made motion first. Commissioner Johnson made motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was needed at present time.

CLOSING

Chairman Helton made a Motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:59 p.m.


Stan Helton, Chairman

Absent

Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk