



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
August 25, 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 made a Motion first to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Helton amended the agenda to add Item #2B Recreation Director Eddie O'Neal and Item #8B EMA Director Robert Graham.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Kirk Williams of Mineral Bluff approached the podium and spoke regarding the county SPLOST. Mr. Williams also made comments regarding the Whitepath Building; and stated he felt there needed to be a Townhall Meeting.

Public Commentary closed at 5:18 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item #2 on the agenda was the 2019 Audit Presentation presented by Amanda Wilkson of Bates & Carter.

Addendum Item#2B was Fannin County Recreation Director Eddie O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal approached the podium to present to the Board a proposal to place four feet of fence along the side of the parking lot on the field where the new drain was placed. Mr. O'Neal stated this would keep the public from parking on top of the new drain. Mr. O'Neal stated the cost would be \$7,200.00. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to approve the addition of the four feet of fencing at the cost of \$7,200.00. Commissioner Patterson made Motion first. Commissioner Johnson made Motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was a Variance Request from Boulder Mountain, LLC Lot #20 which was tabled from the previous meeting of August 10, 2020. There was no party present to oppose the variance. The variance request was to a place home 10 feet from the edge of River Chase Way. This would be 16 feet from the centerline and 10 feet from the property line. Chairman Helton made a Motion first to approve the variance. Commissioner Johnson made Motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was another Variance Request from Boulder Mountain, LLC Lot #18 to place a home 20 feet from the edge of River Chase Way. This will be 26 feet from the centerline and 10 feet from the property line. There was no party present to oppose the variance. 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 #5 on the agenda was a Variance Request from John Richard Montgomery to build a garage 35 feet from centerline and 25 feet from the edge of Beaverwood Lane. There was no party present to oppose the variance. Chairman Helton made a Motion first to approve the variance. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda were the Bid Proposals for the Project of Re-Paving & Re-Striping & Level of Sugar Creek Road, Curtis Switch Road and Galloway Road which was tabled from the previous meeting of August 10, 2020. Public Works Director, Zack Ratcliff proposed to the Board to award the lowest bidder being Colditz Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$1,318,296.11. Chairman Helton asked for a Motion to award the

bid to Colditz Trucking, Inc. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was the new Board Member appointment of Ms. Lisa Hood to the Fannin County Development Authority. Chairman Helton stated this appointment would be effective immediately and it would be for a three-year term. Chairman Helton made a Motion first. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8 was discussion regarding Hazard Pay. The Board discussed the lists provided regarding all personnel in which would be eligible. Sheriff Dane Kirby requested to approach the Board. Sheriff Kirby expressed his thoughts on the employees that would be eligible in his department. Sheriff Kirby stated it was not his recommendation to give hazard pay to the uniform patrol only. He stated it was not right because everyone was in danger; his recommendation was to give it to everyone except himself, Chief Deputy and Admin Staff. Sheriff Kirby wanted to make it clear. Commissioner Patterson asked if he wanted it right across the board. Sheriff Kirby stated for everyone except himself, Chief Deputy and Admin. Chairman Helton stated the State kept changing the guidelines to go by on what would qualify; and stated the Board could table for another two weeks to clarify. Commissioner Johnson asked who exactly the State allowed. Chairman Helton asked the Post Commissioners if they were comfortable with tabling for two weeks. Both Post Commissioners were in agreement to table. Chairman Helton made a Motion first to table Hazard Pay discussion until September 8, 2020. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Addendum Item #8B EMA Director Robert Graham presented to the Board an estimate for equipment being three Decontamination Systems with the disinfectant solution for the ambulance for a total of \$46,794.00. Mr. Graham stated this was for the grant that was approved in the last Board meeting. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve three of the decontamination systems and solutions. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Last item on the agenda was Item #9, discussion on the Revision of Lodging Tax Ordinance Rate. County Attorney Lynn Doss elaborated on the rate change which was approved on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Chairman Helton stated we would vote on this issue in the second meeting in September.

Chairman Helton advised the Board would have a Teleconference Meeting on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to vote on the Millage Rate.

Commissioner Patterson had one comment, this was to congratulate Clerk of Court Dana Chastain on being Clerk of the Year.

#### **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 6:42 p.m.

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Stan Helton, Chairman

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Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner

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Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

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Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk