



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
November 24, 2020 5:15 p.m.
Via Teleconference
Board of Commissioners Conference Room

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting and Public Hearing. Motion made first by Commissioner Johnson. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No Public Commentary was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson stated he had asked County Clerk Ms. Walker to have the item of hazard pay added back the agenda. Commissioner Johnson stated he was informed that Chairman Helton was not in favor. Commissioner Johnson asked if that was correct. Chairman Helton stated he would add hazard pay if Commissioner Patterson was in favor. Commissioner Patterson second the motion to add hazard pay. Chairman Helton stated hazard pay would be added as Item #4.

Item #2 was City Street Mineral Bluff Property. Chairman Helton stated this property went back to the County. Chairman Helton stated this parcel was very small. Ms. Kimberly Baugh Burger was interested in the adjoining property. Commissioner Patterson asked if there was a specific reason she wanted the property. County Attorney Lynn Doss explained Ms. Burger wanted to make sure no one else would obstruct her property; and stated the property was so small and it had no real purpose. Ms. Doss stated she was the only concerned owner. Commissioner Patterson had no other questions. Commissioner Johnson stated with Ms. Burger being the only adjoining property owner; it would be nice to have it added back to the tax digest. Chairman Helton made a motion first to release the property to Ms. Baugh. Commissioner Patterson made motion second. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the Financial Report which was given by Chairman Helton.

An addendum to the agenda was Item #4, the topic of hazard pay for eligible employees under the CARES Act. Discussions proceeded between Board members on who would be eligible to receive the hazard pay. Commissioner Johnson stated he felt like the EMS and the Sheriff's Department deserved it. Commissioner Patterson stated he wanted them to know we were behind them and appreciated them. Chairman Helton stated there needed to be a list of eligible employees. Commissioner Patterson stated he would like to go ½ on Part-Time. Commissioner Patterson stated from what he understood; the Department Heads and Elected Officials would not qualify. County Attorney Lynn Doss confirmed that Department Heads and Elected Officials did not qualify. Commissioner Johnson stated it would be hard to include volunteers. Commissioner Johnson clarified anyone that was employed by Fannin County, if considered a first responder, part-time would receive \$250 and full-time would receive \$500. Commissioner Patterson agreed. Chairman Helton stated they would discuss the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Doss if Sheriff's office were considered responders. Ms. Doss stated it would include anyone hired or fired by Sheriff Dane Kirby as uniformed officers. Commissioner Patterson felt the Resource Officers should be included. Commissioner Johnson stated he felt they also should be included. Chairman Helton stated the 911 operators would also be included. Chairman Helton stated this would be forward pay, not retroactive pay. Commissioner Johnson stated it did not matter how it was paid out. Chairman Helton stated one lump sum would be easier to keep paychecks from being messed up. Commissioner Johnson stated he was very pleased that they could agree on this issue. Commissioner Patterson stated he felt this

was a positive stride forward to help the employees and to let them know they have not been forgotten. Chairman Helton asked for a motion to approve hazard pay to eligible employees. Commissioner Johnson made motion first. Commissioner Patterson 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


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk