



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
January 12, 2021 5:15 p.m.
Jury Assembly Room – Third Floor

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

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

Invocation was led by Zack Ratcliff. Pledge was led by Commissioner Patterson.

Prior to the Board Meeting, Commissioner Johnson stated he wanted to address the situation with holding over term as the newly elected Post One Commissioner Johnny Searece continues his recovery. Commissioner Johnson stated he did have a few questions of how it would work. County Attorney Lynn Doss explained the current situation with Commissioner Johnson's hold over. Commissioner Johnson advised the Board he is willing to hold over for 90 days but felt he could not extend beyond. Commissioner Johnson also stated he felt his roll would be to be available if needed; and to abstain from every vote unless needed. Commissioner Johnson finished by wishing Mr. Searece a speedy recovery; and if no objections he would go ahead and serve.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 8th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting & Minutes from the January 4th, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed. Commissioner Johnson abstained.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the January 4th, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed. Commissioner Johnson abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Dixie Carter approached the podium and expressed her wish for the Board to consider changing the time of the Regular Scheduled Board Meetings to either 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Ms. Carter stated this would make it more convenient for the public to get to the meetings especially for those coming from work.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #3 on the agenda was a variance request from Lawrence Freckman. Mr. Freckman was present for the variance. The variance request was to place a garage 41 feet from the centerline of Chestnut Gap. The Board made statements concerning the runoff with water drainage and agreed the county would not be held liable for any drainage. After discussions of the placement of the notice of variance sign, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the variance request until the next Board Meeting to allow the variance to be posted the proper amount of time. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #4 on the agenda was a variance request from Ty M. Ernst & Tai Rambert. Ms. Maggie Jett was present for the variance request on behalf of the owners. After discussions pertaining to the road easements and placing of home closer to road area due to septic approval; Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the variance until the next BOC Meeting to allow time for Ms. Jett to get resolution from Mr. Nicholson in the Building Inspection Department. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #5 on the agenda was a variance request from Richard & Lisa Russell to place a garage 10 feet from neighbor's property line. Neighbor's letters were attached to variance. Commissioner Patterson made a motion first to approve the variance. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #6 on the agenda was a Resolution approving the Waiver of Certain Penalties & Interest by the Fannin County Tax Commissioner. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #7 on the agenda was request for Approval of Authorizations for the Fannin County Tax Commissioner. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #8 on the agenda was the Amended & Corrected Provision of Excise Tax – Lodging Accommodation Ordinance. Commissioner Patterson made a motion first to approve. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #9 on the agenda was the approval of Fannin County Division of Family & Children Services Budget Allocations. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson to approve. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Item #10 on the agenda was discussion regarding agenda. After discussions regarding the time change of the Regular Scheduled time of the Board of Commissioners Meeting; Chairman Hensley made a motion first to change the time of the Board Meeting from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

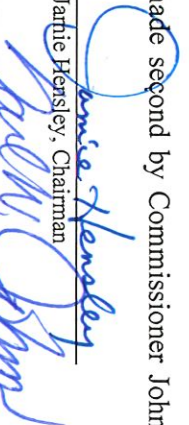
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Patterson made motion second. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining. Entered into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Patterson made a motion second. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

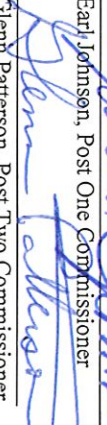
Chairman Hensley stated the Executive Session was to discuss personnel. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to appoint Sherri L. Walker as Interim CFO. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed with Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

CLOSING

Commissioner Patterson made a Motion to adjourn. Motion made second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


Jarlie Hensley, Chairman


Earl Johnson, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk