



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing

May 4th, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Jury Assembly Room

Third Floor

OPENING PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hensley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present in meeting were Chairman Jamie Hensley, Post One Commissioner Johnny Searce by via zoom, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, & County Clerk Sherri L. Walker. County Attorney Lynn Doss was absent.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Commissioner Patterson. Pledge was led by Commissioner Searce.

HEARING

The Public Hearing was conducted to let the citizens within the County express their comments and concerns regarding the Whitepath Building.

Kathy Thompson was the first citizen to approach the Board. Ms. Thompson expressed her opinion as to the library and how she felt the library was an important need to the community. Ms. Thompson also stated her comments regarding having a stand-alone library for the county.

Former Library Board Member John Turner was the next individual to approach the Board. Mr. Turner spoke to the Board about the importance of the library and gave some history on the library. Mr. Turner also elaborated on the grant for the library and how important it was to keep the grant and not let it lapse.

Donna Thompson approached the Board with some comments regarding the costs involved with the Whitepath building.

Debbie Holcomb approached the Board to express her concerns with the Whitepath Building and the results of the survey testing in which was done.

Department Head Marie Woody approached the Board to speak regarding some of the disadvantages for the administration moving over to the Whitepath Building.

Chief Appraiser Dawn Cochran also reiterated the same disadvantages of moving to the Whitepath Building; and especially for the citizens when conducting real estate transactions within the county.

The following individuals also expressed concerns and the disadvantages involving the Whitepath facility and expressing their wishes for a stand-alone library: Carol Crawford, Lynn Crawford, Larry Joe Sosebee, Nick Wimberly, Director of the Mountain Library System Heath Lee, Bob Hopkins, Kirk Williams, James Bond, Marty Cohn, and Jan Eaton.

The Board of Commissioners expressed their appreciation to everyone for voicing their concerns and suggestions.

CLOSING

Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Jamie Hensley, Chairman

VIA ZOOM
Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk