



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
June 8th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Jury Assembly Room
Third Floor

OPENING REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Hensley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present in meeting were Chairman Jamie Hensley, Post One Commissioner Johnny Scarce, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss, & County Clerk Sherril L. Walker.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Post One Commissioner Glenn Patterson. Pledge was led by Commissioner Scarce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #2: Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25th, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Award of Bid Proposal for the Radio Console System for Fannin County 911. 911 Director Patrick Cooke recommended to the Board the bid proposal award to Gunby Communications for the amount of \$127,000. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the Gunby Communications Radio Console for 911. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #4: Variance request from Wesley & Amanda McNeley to place a house 10 feet from the US Forest Service. No party was present to oppose to variance. Mr. Wesley McNeley was present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Fannin County Development Authority Director Christie Gribble gave a presentation explaining the need for Georgia's Broadband Initiatives and the process of adopting the Ordinance For Broadband Ready Community.

Item #6: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff presented to the Board the bid proposals for the Fannin County LMIG 2021 Asphalt Paving Project being Ada Street, Tennis Court Road, and Dial Road. The total bids were received as follows:

Johnson Paving, LLC \$1,128,600.00
Colditz Trucking, Inc. \$1,067,521.00
C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. \$1,144,640.00

Mr. Ratcliff recommended to the Board to table award of bid proposal until the next scheduled meeting being June 22, 2021. Chairman Hensley made a motion to table until the next meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley asked Mr. Ratcliff to explain the Georgia Department of Corrections Work Detail Program. This item was placed on agenda as Item #10. Mr. Ratcliff explained what the agreement covered as far as the number of workers; and explained the county furnishes the van and the fuel.

Item #7: Discussion regarding the Cost Share Agreement between Fannin County, Georgia and the USDA, Forest Service. Chairman Hensley explained the purpose of the agreement being to improve access, safety and user enjoyment at Lake Blue Ridge Day Use area in order to promote outdoor recreation, scenic quality and connectivity to cultural and natural resources for all citizens. After discussions, Chairman Hensley

made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Forest Service. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Discussion of placing 911 Dispatch under the Sheriff's Department effective July 1, 2021. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the 911 Dispatch being one of the few among counties that were not directly answering to the Sheriff's office. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion to place the 911 Dispatch back under the Sheriff's office effective July 1, 2021. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Discussion of Department Head status at 911 Dispatch. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a recommendation of eliminating the Department Head status at 911 Dispatch for a period of one year. Chairman Hensley made a motion to eliminate the Department Head status at the 911 Dispatch effective July 1, 2021. This elimination would only be for a period of one year being until July 1, 2022, thereafter, to be revisited. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: This item of discussion being Georgia Department of Corrections Work Detail Agreement was addressed after Item #6. This item was presented to the Board by Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff.

Item #11: Board action to accept funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$2,543,356.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first for Fannin County Board of Commissioners to accept the Terms and Conditions and the county's allocation of \$2,543,356.00 for the American Rescue Plan State and Local Recovery from the U.S. Treasury. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #12: Resolution for establishing a new bank account for the receipt of funds from the U.S. Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to open the bank account for funds from the U.S. Treasury. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13: Resolution authorizing the District Attorney of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit to enter into a contract with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of the State of Georgia pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 15-18-20.1. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Searce made a motion first. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #14: Board action on the Health Insurance for Fannin County Employees. Chairman Hensley made the recommendation to continue coverage for employees with United HealthCare. Chairman Hensley explained the challenges of changing insurance coverage to another company at the time; and explained the advantages of staying with United HealthCare to make our county more attractive to other providers next enrollment period. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to keep health care coverage through United HealthCare. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individuals made public commentary: Meri Taylor
Closed at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.




EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1); consultation with county attorney on entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1)E; discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2).

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated there had been no decision made in Executive Session.

CLOSING

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Jamie Hensley, Chairman

Johnny Seabree, Post One Commissioner

Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk