



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

September 14th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jury Assembly Room

Third Floor

OPENING OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #2: Approve minutes of the August 24th, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Variance Request from Richard & Jennifer Owen to place a garage 15 feet from Brent Lane. This variance was previously tabled from August 24, 2021. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Variance Request from Jared & Nancy Yagmin to place a garage two feet from the property line. This variance was previously tabled from the August 10th, 2021 meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance with the stipulation if lot is ever sold a 15 foot set back will be required with a new plat. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #5: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to rescind the appointment of Casey Dupont Eaton to the Fannin County Tax Assessor's Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Scearce stated she had prior commitments and could not serve at this time.

Item #6: Appointment of Phyllis Matthews to the Fannin County Tax Assessor's Board by Post One Commissioner Johnny Scearce for a three-year term. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion for the appointment. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff approached the Board regarding a purchase of a 2009 Loadstar International Line/Bucket Truck for the Fannin County Road Department for the purchase price of \$45,000.00. This would be purchased with SPLOST funds. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase of bucket truck. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ratcliff also presented to the Board a price of \$50,000.00 for paint to stripe the roads. Mr. Ratcliff elaborated on how difficult it was to purchase the paint for the roads. After discussion, Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the paint to stripe roads. This amount would be paid out of the SPLOST fund. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: EMS Director Becky Huffman approached the Board regarding the purchase of equipment and changes in the Ambulance billing rates. First, Ms. Huffman stated she felt as if there needed to be an increase in the billing rates. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to increase billing rates. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Huffman presented to the Board quotes on one stair chair & two Power Stretchers in the amount of \$60,562.70. This would be purchased with SPLOST. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the

purchase of the equipment. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Resolution of the Fannin County Board of Commissioners to adopt a policy to allow additional paid leave for employees who have been affected by COVID-19. Chairman Hensley stated this would be effective from March 2021 through December 31, 2021; and if needed to be revisited at the end of the year, the Board would revisit the Resolution for further action. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individuals made public commentary: Joe Webb & Debbie Beck.
Public Commentary closed at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

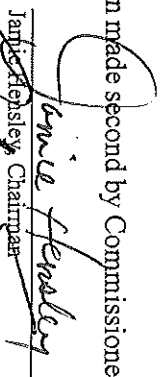
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 8:01 a.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated the Board would seek proposals for bids on the AC system.

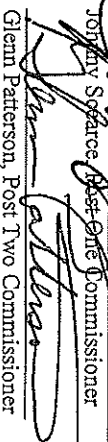
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or 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).

CLOSING

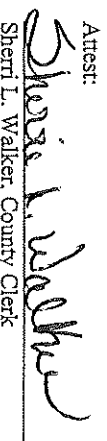
Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Janice Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Past State Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk