



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing @ 5:30 p.m.

Regular Scheduled Meeting

August 10th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jury Assembly Room

Third Floor

OPENING PUBLIC HEARING

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

Chairman Hensley elaborated on the millage rate and holding the rate at 3.862.

Chairman Hensley opened the floor for citizen's comments.

Chairman Hensley closed public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

OPENING OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Present in meeting were Chairman Jamie Hensley, Post One Commissioner Johnny Searce, 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 Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #2: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the July 27th, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Items #3: Award of Bid on Type I Ambulance Remount tabled from previous meeting of July 27th, 2021. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the bid award until the next meeting of August 24th. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #4: Variance request from Jared and Nancy Yagmin to place a garage two feet from the property line. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the variance until the customers made contact regarding putting variance back on agenda; this is at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Yagmin. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Executive Director of the Fannin County Development Authority Christie Gribble discussed the Resolution to adopt the Amendment to Fannin County and Cities of Blue Ridge and McCaysville and Morganton Joint Comprehensive Plan 2018-2028. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Executive Director of the Fannin County Development Authority Christie Gribble discussed the Resolution to Support Fannin County Development Authority's Application to the Georgia Fiscal Recovery Fund – Broadband Infrastructure. Ms. Gribble discussed about partnering with ETC for a grant to support Broadband. Mr. Frankie Rigdon with ETC also elaborated on areas that would be supported with internet coverage.

Ms. Gribble also elaborated on the match from the county on grants received for the Broadband Internet; after discussion with the Board; Chairman Hensley made a motion to support offering a 1% match not to exceed \$15,000 for a grant to support Broadband Internet. This would be paid for from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Fannin County EMA Director, Robert Graham updated the Board on the rise in COVID-19 cases and the capacity levels at local hospitals. Mr. Graham also stated there were still vaccinations available at the local Health Department and several pharmacies. Mr. Graham stated Georgia rated #9 in the nation with the rise in COVID-19 cases; and the vaccination rate for Fannin was 34%. Mr. Graham also stated there was a significant increase in cases over a fourteen-day period with children testing positive.

Item #8: Director of Recreation Eddie O'Neal approached the Board with proposals for updated playground equipment for the Horseshoe Bend Park and Tom Boyd Park. This would also be ADA approved

equipment. Mr. O'Neal presented an estimate in the amount of \$43,184.96 from Blist Products for the playground equipment for Tom Boyd Park; this price includes installation. The next estimate was from Play South in the amount of \$162,592.00 for playground equipment at Horseshoe Bend Park. The total amount of equipment is \$205,184.96. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the playground equipment for both parks in the amount of \$205,184.96 to be paid for from the Tourism Product Development Funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neal also approached the Board regarding the closing of the field drainage on Fields #8 in the amount of \$11,600.00 to be paid for out of SPLOST. Motion made first by Chairman Hensley to approve closing the field drainage. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Amended Item to be added. Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff approached the Board regarding a vehicle to be used as the sign truck. Mr. Ratcliff presented the quote from Bill Holts in the amount of \$38,787.00 for a 2017 Ford F250 truck with 52,000 miles to be paid for out of SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individual made public commentary: Mr. Gerald McMillen
Public Commentary closed at 7:11 p.m.

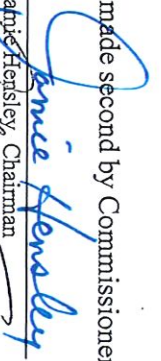
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Entered into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.


Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hensley stated there had been no decision made during Executive Session regarding real estate or personnel.


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 8:00 p.m.


Jamie Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk