



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**October 26th, 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 Searece, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss, & County Clerk Sherri L. Walker.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Item #2: Approve minutes of the October 12th, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Board discussion on Shelter Pro Software Equipment for Animal Control tabled from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to table this item until the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to allow time for more proposals. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Resolution on Grant for Green Creek Trail Project which was tabled from October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion made first by Commissioner Searece. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Patterson elaborated on the concerns about the park and recommended there be more police patrol in the area. The Board also discussed placing signs prohibiting use of alcohol and signs regarding littering. Chairman Hensley also talked about a gate being in place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item #5: Variance Request for THAW, LLC to place another eight units at 55 Cherry Wood Court. After discussions on variance, Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Kimberly O'Neal with the North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network presented to the Board a Proclamation declaring the month of October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Item #7: Board discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 compensation. Chairman Hensley stated he felt it would be appropriate to disburse the amount of \$3,000 to each elected official. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the rescheduling of services that were provided to the community and citizens. After discussion, the Board voted to approve the compensation for elected officials with the option of opting out if they choose to do so. The Board of Commissioners stated they would be excluded from this compensation. Chairman Hensley made the motion first to approve the compensation in the amount of \$3,000 with the option to opt out if elected official chose to do so. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: EMA Deputy Director Patrick Cooke & Lt. Todd Pack presented to the Board a quote for the Courthouse Security System in the front area as you come into the Courthouse. The quote was from ZorPro in the amount of \$27,321.30. Mr. Cooke and Lt. Pack explained the features of the system being equipped with a Temperature Scanner. Mr. Cooke and Lt. Pack commented on the dependability of the old system which was constantly failing to work properly. After discussions, Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the ZorPro equipment for courthouse security which would be purchased with American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds in the amount of \$27,321.30 due to the feature of Temperature Scanner. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.



Item #9: EMA Director Robert Graham presented to the Board the Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Graham explained how the plan helped with grant funding and it would expire in December of 2022. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: EMS Director Becky Huffman approached the Board in regards to tabling the bid proposals for the ambulance. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the bid proposals until the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Huffman also presented to the Board a quote from First Class Emergency Vehicles for two new ambulances in the amount of \$148,000 for each unit. Ms. Huffman stated this would be an emergency purchase. Ms. Huffman stated the estimated delivery date would be the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022. Ms. Huffman stated there was one ambulance budgeted for in the General Fund. Ms. Huffman stated obviously the shortage of ambulances were due to COVID and not being able to get parts. There was discussion regarding which funds to pay for the ambulances. Ms. Doss stated she would research the ARP Act regarding the purchase. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase of both ambulances in the amount of \$148,000 each unit. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Board discussion on new flooring for Animal Control facility. Chairman Hensley presented a quote from Stonhard in the amount of \$21,779.00 to refinish the floors. Chairman Hensley stated the current budget had the money available. After discussion, Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the quote and proceed with project. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

No public commentary was made.

Public Commentary closed at 7:08 p.m.


Chairman Hensley asked if there was a need for Executive Session. Commissioner Patterson stated he felt there was a need for Executive Session. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

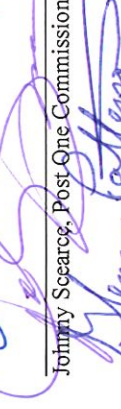
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

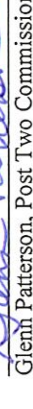
Chairman Hensley stated no action was taken during Executive Session.

**CLOSING**

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
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Jamie Hensley, Chairman

  
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Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner

  
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Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk