



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
May 10th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Jury Assembly Room
Third Floor

OPENING OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:

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

Item #1: Invocation was led by Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson. Pledge was led by Chairman Hensley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Approve minutes of the April 26th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting & May 2nd, 2022 Special Called Meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26th, 2022 regular scheduled meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Searece. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the May 2nd, 2022 Special Called Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add Item #6 as Public Works topic. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Recreation Director Eddie O'Neal approached the Board to give updates on the Blue Ridge City Park. Mr. O'Neal stated the Advisory Board had been established and would hold the first meeting on Thursday. Mr. O'Neal stated the next item was to get the fields at the park prepped for the tournament which would take place in June. The next item would be to replace the playground equipment with ADA equipment and to have it installed by the end of the year. Mr. O'Neal also stated there would be plans for a Splash Pad and to redo the pool which would require a design firm. This project would be completed by Summer of 2024. Mr. O'Neal stated the trailer that was on the property would be removed and that area would be designated for additional parking. Also, Mr. O'Neal stated as far as the budget for FY2022, he would not plan to hire additional staff and would make it work currently with the staff that was in place. Mr. O'Neal stated these projects would be funded with the Tourism Product Development funds and SPLOST funds. Mr. O'Neal also presented to the Board an estimate of the utilities in which it would cost for the remainder of the year.

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action on Fannin County Release of Easement. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Release of Easement for Herdis Jones. Motion made second by Commissioner Searece. Motion passed unanimously.

Item # 5: Family Connections Executive Director Sherry Morris – Proclamation signing by the Board to declare the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Amended Item being #6 Public Works equipment: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the transmission repairs of a 2014 Motor Grader in the amount of \$41,829.90. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion by the Board on changing the next regular scheduled meeting of May 24th, 2022 due to the Primary Election being held on the same day. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to change the May 24th meeting to Monday, May 23rd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individuals made Public Commentary: Lane Bishop, Michelle Moran, Joe Webb, Tim Reichter, & Dr. Ann Merkel

Public Commentary closed at 6:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated there had been no action taken.


Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hensley stated there had been no action taken.

Chairman Hensley stated the discussion was on a purchase of vehicle for Public Works. The amount would be \$37,762.20 from John Megal for a 2022 Ford F150. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.


Chairman Hensley also stated there was discussion on entering into a settlement agreement of a former employee for an alleged wrongful termination during the previous administration. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the settlement. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING:


Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk