



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

July 12th, 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 Searce via zoom, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss, & County Clerk Sherril L. Walker.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Darwin Couch. Pledge was led by Chairman Hensley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Approve minutes of the June 28th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Amendment: Chairman Hensley made a motion to amend agenda Item #9 being the Service Delivery Strategy for Fannin County & the Cities of Blue Ridge, McCaysville, & Morganton to be moved to the next regular scheduled meeting for July 26th, 2022. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Variance Request from Red Hawk Holdings of Georgia, LLC to build a house 16 feet from the edge of the road and 22 feet from the centerline of access road off Tanglewood Cove. The owner was present for the variance. No party was present to oppose the variance. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Amanda Wilkson with Bates Carter & Co., LLP presented the Fannin County Annual Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended on December 31, 2021 via zoom.

Item #5: UGA Extension Coordinator Ashley Hoppers regarding 4-H Director. Ms. Hoppers presented to the Board request for Verification of Position Funding for New and Replacement Positions with Fannin County salary commitment in the requested amount of \$7,500.00. Ms. Hoppers gave a brief overview of the program. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the salary commitment. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Sheriff Dane Kirby presented to the Board the end of life on tag readers for patrol cars. Sheriff Kirby stated the cost would be \$8,400 for three tag readers in the amount of \$2,500 each and \$300 each for cords for the three cameras. This would be paid for out of the Public Safety SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Deputy EMA Director Patrick Cook presented to the Board the upgrade of the outdated phone system at the 911 Center. Mr. Cook presented the estimate from Dalton Communications in the amount of \$123,200.00. The system would have a five-year warranty. The system would be paid for out of the E911 Fund. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the upgraded E911 phone system quoted by Dalton Communications. Mr. Cook stated this would also include a fourth dispatch station. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Financial Report for Second Quarter of FY 2022/Second Quarter Recommendation of Budget Amendment. Finance Director Sherril Walker made the recommendation to amend the FY2022 Budget due to the purchase of the vehicle for the Fannin County Health Department in the amount of \$28,506.00. Ms. Walker stated this was approved in 2021 but the vehicle was not available and paid for until 2022. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the FY2022 Budget in the amount of \$28,506.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Amended Items (see above)

Item #10: Board Action on Fannin County Roads. Public Works Director presented to the Board that 0.6 mile of Stuart Mountain Road be taken off the county road list. Chairman Hensley made a motion first for the road to be taken off the road list. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Board Action on the Fannin County Amended Alarm Ordinance. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the changes to the ordinance which included adding fire and the change in pricing. Chairman Hensley stated the effective date would be September 1st, 2022. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individual made Public Commentary: Joe Webb Public Commentary closed at 7:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session. Motion made first by Chairman Hensley to enter into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated the discussion in Executive Session consisted Real Estate, Litigation & Personnel with no decisions made. Chairman Hensley stated through ACCG, the county had reached a settlement agreement in the amount of \$90,000 with Ricky Lewis. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the settlement. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING:

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Jamie Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk