



Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
August 9th, 2022 @ 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 Searce, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Attorney Lynn D. Doss, & County Clerk Sherri L. Walker.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Bill Brown. Pledge was led by Commissioner Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Approve minutes of the July 26th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action on the Comprehensive Plan – Prior to the regular meeting, there was a Public Hearing in which Gretchen Lughart with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission presented a brief update on the draft of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for 2023-2027. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to accept the draft of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action on LOST Renegotiations with the City of Blue Ridge & City of McCaysville. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the percentages going to the cities after the two meetings that were held for renegotiations. The distribution amounts agreed upon were City of Blue Ridge to receive 14.00%, City of McCaysville to receive 10.25% and the County to receive 75.75%. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the LOST Renegotiations distributions. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Board Discussion/Action on SPLOST Renegotiations with the City of Blue Ridge & City of McCaysville. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the percentages going to the cities after the two meetings that were held for renegotiations. The distribution amounts agreed upon were City of Blue Ridge to receive 7.5%, City of McCaysville to receive 6.1% and the County to receive 86.4%. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the SPLOST Renegotiations distributions. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action on Resolution on Speed Limit at new Fannin County BOE location being Old Hwy. 76 – Chairman Hensley made a motion first to impose and clarify speed limits in the unincorporated areas of Fannin County being from the city limit of the City of Blue Ridge at the intersection of Marina Drive and extending in an easterly direction across the bridge over the spillway and across the Lake Blue Ridge Dam. The speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour. Commencing on the western side of Lake Blue Ridge Dam, the speed limit shall remain 45 miles per hour. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff – Fannin County LMIG 2022 Paving Bid – The following bids were received:

Johnson Paving, LLC	
Cutcane Road	\$1,285,250.00
Friendship Road	\$ 102,687.50
Total	\$1,387,937.50
C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.	
Cutcane Road	\$1,526,683.00
Friendship Road	\$ 156,782.50
Total	\$1,683,465.50

Colwell Construction Co., Inc.	
Cutane Road	\$1,715,445.00
Friendship Road	\$ 137,058.75
Total	\$1,852,503.75

Public Works Director recommended to review the bids before the award of bid. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the award of bid until the next regular scheduled meeting being August 23rd, 2022. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Chief Appraiser Dawn Cochran – Entering into a vendor contract –Ms. Cochran presented to the Board the contract between Just Appraised Inc. and Fannin County Tax Assessors. Ms. Cochran stated the cost per year would be \$16,200 with a one-time fee of \$1,500 which would be for training and integration. Ms. Cochran stated this software would make processing transaction much easier and would be a paper free method. Ms. Cochran stated this contract would be covered in her budget. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the software. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley asked Ms. Cochran to elaborate on the current tax assessment notices that were currently mailed reflecting the increase in assessments. Ms. Cochran stated that Fannin County has seen a huge increase in sales in the last two or three years and along with the values. Ms. Cochran stated a change in the market with Fannin being 80% residential and with that; the ratio study hit the Department of Revenue. Ms. Cochran stated that in 2020 the ratio study was 36.50, 2021 at 30.55 & 2022 with the reassessment notices it brought us back in line with 38.55. Ms. Cochran stated they were reaching out to the taxpayers to be sure they had the correct exemptions. Ms. Cochran stated there were other exemptions which included age exemptions which included the ages of 62, 65 & 70 with some restrictions as to income. Ms. Cochran also explained the appeal process with the last date of filing being September 17th which falls on a Saturday so the following Monday would apply. Ms. Cochran stated if there were any questions to please come into the office to check for accuracy. Also, Ms. Cochran stated the qPublic website is updated with the new values. Ms. Cochran stated if there was a rollback, the amount would not be the amount that is on the assessment notices.

Item #9: Mr. Daymond Hughes with USDA Wildlife Services presented a presentation Oral Rabie Vaccine Bait Drop in Fannin County.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

The following individual made Public Commentary: Chuck Rhodes, Ginger Rogers, Debbie Holcomb & James Bond

Public Commentary closed at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

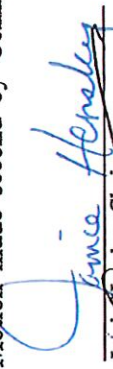


Chairman Hensley stated there was discussion regarding real estate and personnel with no decision made at the time.

CLOSING:

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Attest:


Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk


Jamie Hensley, Chairman

Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner

Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner