



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

January 10th, 2023 @ 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 Clerk Sherri L. Walker & County Attorney Lynn D. Doss.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson. Pledge was led by Post One Commissioner Searce Johnny Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Approval of the minutes from the December 13th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from Carey Antoon to build a home 25 feet from the edge of River Bend Lane. No parties were present for the variance request. 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: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from Richard A. Jr. & Joan E. Moore to place a home 22 feet from the edge of the Ridgeview Road. No parties were present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Board Discussion/Action on SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with the Municipalities being the City of Blue Ridge & the City of McCaysville. Chairman Hensley elaborated as to the agreement being with the Municipalities on the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2023 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects. Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Municipalities. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action on Resolution Calling for an election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the Resolution being that of which would set forth one percent (1%) on all sales & uses in the County. Chairman Hensley stated the anticipated revenue collected would be approximately \$56,000,000 for a period of six years, and the proceeds of this tax would be used to fund Capital Projects in the County and the Municipalities. Chairman Hensley stated the election would be March 21st, 2023. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution Calling for an election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Sherry Morris, Executive Director of Fannin County Family Connections – Board Discussion/Action on Fannin County serving as the Fiscal Agent for FY2024. Ms. Morris approached the podium to thank the Board for continuing to serve as the Fiscal Agent for Family Connections. Ms. Morris also gave an update on the Warning Shelter that was put into place during the extreme cold temperatures a couple of weeks prior. She expressed her gratitude to everyone that had a hand in this need for the community. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to continue to serve as the Fiscal Agent for FY2024. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Board Discussion/Action on readopting a Resolution of the Fannin County Board of Commissioners 911 Address Display Ordinance. Chairman Hensley asked County Clerk & Finance Director to elaborate on the Resolution. Ms. Walker explained the purpose of the readoption of the Resolution would be to provide the community with an updated copy which looked more professional with the current administration's signatures. Ms. Walker stated the current copy was not very clear, and this document is an informational sheet that is sent to property owners with rental cabins within our County by

the lodging administrator. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to readopt the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Board Discussion/Action on a Moratorium of any Mining Activities within Fannin County. Chairman Hensley elaborated on the Resolution to facilitate the County's continued efforts to provide for the safety and well-being of its citizens, visitors, and the environment of the County. Chairman Hensley stated the moratorium shall be effective immediately and would expire on December 31st, 2023, unless revoked or renewed prior to. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution on Moratorium as to Certain Commercial or Industrial Development. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: Zack Ratcliff, Public Works Director – Board Discussion/Action on adoption/removal of any roads in Fannin County. Mr. Ratcliff presented to the Board a list of roads in Mineral Bluff to be considered by the Board to be added to the Fannin County Road System. The roads are as follows: Clement Street – 299 feet, Spruce Street – 468 feet, East Railroad Avenue – 900 feet, Bridge Street – 632 feet, Marietta Street – 366 feet, Spring Street – 341 feet, Pond Street – 700 feet. Mr. Ratcliff stated at the time there was no recommendation of any roads for removal. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the list, as outlined, for additions to the Fannin County Road System. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Larry Thomas, Fannin County Fire Chief, - Board Discussion/Action on equipment being two tankers for the Fire Department. Chief Thomas approached the podium to ask for approval on purchasing an additional two tankers for the Fire Station as was approved at the last meeting on December 13th, 2022. Chief Thomas stated this would be four tankers in all for the Fire Station. Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the additional purchase of two more tankers for the Fire Department in the amount of \$91,691.95 each for a total amount of \$183,383.90 to be purchased with the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Thomas also discussed the upcoming Fire Hose testing and the impact it would have on the ISO rating.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Public Commentary was made by the following individuals: John Woodcock spoke regarding the issue with garbage along roadways. Public Commentary closed at 6:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session. Chairman Hensley made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.


Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated the topic was pertaining to personnel and property with no decision made.

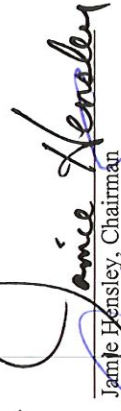
CLOSING:

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

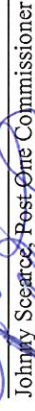
Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk



Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner