



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

December 13th, 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 Clerk Sherri L. Walker & County Attorney Lynn D. Doss.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Fannin County Sheriff's Office Resource Officer Tracy Summers. Pledge was led by Commissioner Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Approval of the minutes from the November 29th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29th, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Building Inspector Keith Nicholson – Discussion on Building Fees tabled from previous meeting of November 29th, 2022. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the proposed Building Fees Schedule. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from Jimmy Underwood to build a house with porch twenty-three feet from the edge and thirty-one feet from the centerline of Ross Drive. Mr. Underwood was present for the variance. Doug Demorena & Linda Gerlock was present in opposition of the variance. After brief discussion between all parties regarding the variance, the Board revisited the variance at the end of the agenda items being Chairman Hensley making a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item#5: Board Discussion on the Fannin County Development Authority Board Reappointment of Teresa Bidez for another three-year term. Appointment made by BOC. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the reappointment of Teresa Bidez. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action on the Fannin County Development Authority Board Reappointment of Johnny Chastain for another three-year term. Appointment made by BOC. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Johnny Chastain. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #:7 Board Discussion/Action on the Fannin County Board of Health Reappointment of Robert Graham for another six-year term. Appointment made by BOC. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the reappointment of Robert Graham. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Board Discussion/Action on the Fannin County Board of Health Reappointment of Sherry Morris for another six-year term. Appointment made by BOC. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Sherry Morris. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Board Discussion/Action on time frame of Calling for an Election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. County Attorney Lynn Doss elaborated on the time frame of the election to be March 21st, 2023. Ms. Doss also stated the County would need the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities by first meeting of January 2023 with no later than the second meeting in January for the Resolution of Calling for the Special Election.

Item #10: Board Discussion/Action on Adoption of the Resolution of the Recommended FY2023 Budget. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the FY2023 Budget. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Marie Woody of Fannin County Land Development – Board Discussion/Action on adopting the Resolution on the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Marie Wood presented to the Board the Resolution and the amount of the Grant being in the amount of \$108,815 in which the County would receive in early 2023. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #12: Director of Recreation Eddie O’Neal – Renewal of Mowing Contract. Mr. O’Neal presented to the Board the quote from Green’s Lawn Service in the amount \$4,375.00 for mowing & cleaning being \$1,080.00. Mr. O’Neal stated this would be for the parks; and would be a twenty-four month contract. Mr. O’Neal recommended the contract roll over. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to renew the contract with Green’s Lawn Service. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff – Board Discussion/Action on Cashes Valley Lane. Ken & Debbie Yerves also approached the Board about entering into an agreement with the county regarding Cashes Valley Lane. After discussions, Chairman Hensley made a motion to enter into an agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Yerves on the construction and rerouting Cashes Valley Lane on a portion of Mr. & Mrs. Yerves property to avoid the dangerous curve. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ratcliff also approached the Board regarding repairs to a New Holland Tractor at the Road Department. Mr. Ratcliff stated the repairs would cost \$11,284.88. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the repairs. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #14: Fire Chief Larry Thomas – Board Discussion/Action on purchase of equipment being 2 Tankers for the Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief Rob Ross elaborated on the specifications of the Tankers and stated the cost of the Tankers would be \$91,691.95 each. Fire Chief Thomas and Deputy Fire Chief Ross explained to the Board the advantage of this equipment lowering the ISO rating. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase of the equipment using the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the purchase of the Tankers in the total amount of \$183,383.90. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #15: Fire Chief Larry Thomas – Board Discussion on requests for Bid Proposals on Fire Station #5. Chief Thomas stated he would like to move forward with the construction of the Fire Station and wanted to move forward with the Bid process. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve moving forward with the bidding process for Fire Station #5. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #16: Board Discussion/Action on the 4th Regular Scheduled Board Meeting in December. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to cancel the last Board of Commissioners Meeting in order for everyone to spend time with their families and to enjoy the holidays. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Public Commentary was made by the following individuals: Bill Burns & Julie Wooten. Public Commentary closed at 7:49 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 7:51 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:43 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 8:43 p.m.



Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Scaarc, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk

