



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
June 13th, 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 EMA Director Robert Graham. Pledge was led by Post Two Commissioner Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Board Action on approval of the May 23rd, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes & May 25th, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the May 23rd, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Action on approval of the May 25th, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of May 25th, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from TS Family Homes, Inc. Tabled from previous meeting. Trevor Shonkwiler was present for variance request. No party was present to oppose variance request. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action – Variance request from American Cowboy Construction, LLC. No party was present for variance request. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion to table the variance request until the June 27th Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Board Discussion/Action – Request from Fannin County Health Department Environmental Health County Manager Shannon Bradburn regarding purchasing of vehicle for the Health Department. Chairman Hensley stated Mr. Bradburn had a prior engagement he had to attend due to the Public Hearing running over into regular meeting, Chairman Hensley presented the quotes for the vehicle purchase being a Ford Bronco. Chairman Hensley stated there were two quotes as follows: Miegel Ford for \$37,000 and Ronnie Thompson for \$31,131.00. Chairman Hensley stated this would be a purchase that the Fannin County Health Department would reimburse the county for. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to purchase the vehicle from Ronnie Thompson in the amount of \$31,131.00. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action – Appointment of the Fannin County Development Authority Director Eric Youngberg. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to appoint Mr. Eric Youngberg as the Fannin County Development Authority Director. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Board Discussion/Action – Appointment of Rob Kaser to the Fannin County Water Authority for a three-year term. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to appoint Mr. Rob Kaser to the Fannin County Water Authority for a three-year term. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Items #8: Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Probate Judge R. Scott Kiker regarding appointment of Associate Probate Judge. Judge Kiker approached the Board regarding the appointment of Judge Samuel Altman as the Associate Probate Judge. Judge Kiker explained the base salary being \$34.50 per hour as set forth for the Associate Probate Judge. Judge Kiker also explained the recusal process within the court system when having to recuse from cases. After discussions, Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the request for an Associate Probate Judge. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Board Discussion/Action – Request from Chief Superior Court Judge Brenda S. Weaver regarding AV Equipment Modernization for Court Rooms. Judicial Finance Officer Angela Norris approached the Board in regards to the AV Equipment for the Court Rooms. Ms. Norris explained the Circuit had received an ARPA Grant for the equipment and requested the Superior Court Budget be amended in the amount of \$199,912.00 as this would be reimbursed to the County. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$199,912.00 for the reimbursement for the AV Equipment. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: Board Discussion/Action – Request from Chief Superior Court Judge Brenda S. Weaver regarding the Fannin Opioid Settlement Funds. Judicial Finance Officer Angela Norris approached the Board to request funds from the Opioid Settlement in order to aid in the necessary treatment of Opioid Addiction. Ms. Norris explained currently having a MAT Grant which would end on June 30th, 2023. This grant is used in the treatment process with certain providers. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the allocation of \$6,000 per month through 2023 to be made payable to the Adult Felony Drug Court which would be used for the Fannin County portion of Drug Court recipients. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Board Discussion/Action – Director of Recreation Department Eddie O’Neal regarding purchasing of equipment. Mr. O’Neal approached the Board regarding purchasing a Side by Side ATV for maintenance. Mr. O’Neal presented two quotes as follows: Nelson Tractor \$14,579.00 with trade in & Mason Tractor \$12,650.00 with trade in. Mr. O’Neal recommended the lowest quote which would be Mason Tractor; and also stated this would be purchased out of SPLOST funds. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase from Mason Tractor in the amount of \$12,650.00 to be paid out of SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #12: Board Discussion/Action – County Attorney Lynn Doss regarding Quit Claim Deed. Ms. Doss explained the Quit Claim Deed being a change to Cutcane Road as a transfer of property. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Quit Claim Deed. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #13: Board Discussion/Action - County Attorney Lynn Doss regarding MOU on Fannin County Library & Request for Bid Proposal for Fannin County Library. Ms. Doss stated this was still pending as she was trying to get in touch with Attorney Ann Pickett regarding the MOU. Chairman Hensley stated this item would be added to the Regular Scheduled Meeting Agenda of June 27th, 2023.

Item #14: Board Discussion/Action on STVR Additional Ordinance. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the STVR Ordinance until further notice in order to review and make the necessary changes to the proposed ordinance. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #15: Board Discussion/Action – Resolution for the Purpose of Enacting a Temporary Emergency Moratorium on the Acceptance of Processing of Application for Development Approval for Certain Intensive Land Uses. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to extend the moratorium through September 28th, 2023. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #16: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Director Robert Graham & EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke – Regarding Mobile Command Unit. Mr. Graham & Mr. Cooke approached the Board with a quote on a 2007 AM General Mobile Command Unit in the amount of \$28,000. After discussion, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of \$28,000 to be paid out of Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #17: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke – Request for purchasing of Backup Software for Servers. Mr. Cooke approached the Board with three quotes for the back up servers for the Courthouse. The quotes are as follows: CDW-G in the amount of \$6,569.09, Assured Data Protection in the amount of \$2,058.40 per month, & Assured Data Protection in the amount of \$2,458.40 per month. Mr. Cooke recommended to the Board the Assured Data Protection in the amount of \$2,458.40 per month due to the amount of downtime the company could offer. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$2,458.40 per month to be paid out of General Fund. Motion

made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #18: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke – Bid Opening of Fannin County Fire Department Rescue Pumper.

Bids were received & opened as follows: Fireline, Inc. \$804,935.00, Peach State \$669,764.00, & Rosenbauer \$716,816.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the award until June 27th Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #19: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke – Bid Opening of Fannin County Fire Rescue Mini-Pumper/Quick Attack.

Bids were received & opened as follows: Rosenbauer \$315,000, Fireline, Inc. \$384,926, & Peach State \$411,072. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the award until June 27th Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #20: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke – Bid Opening of Fannin County Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus & All Associated Components. Ms. Doss stated there was one bid which was received after 3:00 p.m. and stated it was delivered by FedEx. Ms. Doss recommended to the Board that the Board could waive formalities and vote to accept the late Bid. Chairman Hensley made a motion to accept the late bid which was received at 3:19 p.m. due to the delivery status. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Bid were received & opened as follows: MES Lawman \$708,360.76, NAFECO \$621,888.00, Fireline, Inc. \$582,960. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the award until June 27th Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #21: Board Discussion/Action – EMA Deputy Director & ITS Patrick Cooke & Fire Chief Larry Thomas – Award of Bid on Fire Station #5. Chief Larry Thomas & Mr. Cooke approached the Board to recommend the Bid Award to Engineered Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$465,683.03. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Bid Award to Engineered Structures, Inc. not to exceed \$465,683.03. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hensley stated the completion time would be by the end of the year. Also, Chairman Hensley stated this would be paid for out of Public Safety Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

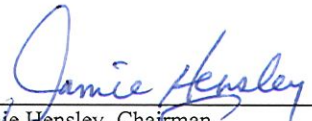
Public Commentary was made by Leigh Maloney. Public Commentary closed at 8:16 p.m.

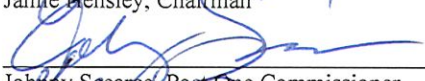
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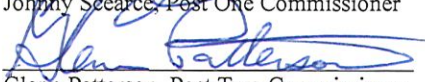
Chairman Hensley stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

CLOSING:

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Jamie Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk

