



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
September 26th, 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 Scarce, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Clerk Sherri L. Walker & County Attorney Lynn D. Doss.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Pastor Mike Underwood. Pledge was led by Post One Commissioner Johnny Scarce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Board approval of the minutes from the September 12th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Presentation of Life Saving Awards by Veterans Foreign Wars Post 6570 of Blue Ridge, Georgia – Jim Callendar. Awards were presented to Austin Hayes and Haley Parks.

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from OTF Holdings, LLC DBA Old Toccoa Farm to place a house site 25 feet from the existing & platted road surface area. Chairman Hensley stated this was a blanket variance. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: FY2022 Financial Audit Presentation by Amanda Wilkson of Bates Carter.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action – Appointment of Gini Tipton to the Fannin County Development Authority Board for the remainder of the term for Lucas Roof being September 26th, 2023 through July 24th, 2027. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the appointment of Gini Tipton to the Fannin County Development Authority Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Board Discussion/Action – Resolution Urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to Continue Effort to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for the Citizens of Georgia. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff – Resurfacing of Power Dam Road. Mr. Ratcliff approached the Board with a quote from Johnson's Paving in the amount of \$97,963.67 to resurface Power Dam Road. Mr. Ratcliff also stated the project would be funded by SPLOST. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the quote from Johnson's Paving in the amount of \$97,963.67 to resurface Power Dam Road being funded by SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ratcliff stated to the Board the County had received a grant in the amount of \$584,400 for Thermo Plastic Stripe for roads. Mr. Ratcliff stated there was no match required from the County.

Items #9: Board Discussion/Action – GDOT Option for Right of Way SR5 Blue Ridge Drive. Chairman Hensley explained where the land was located on Hwy. 5 across from Tom Boyd Road. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the agreement with GDOT for Right of Way SR5 Blue Ridge Drive in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: Board Discussion/Action – Moratorium on the Acceptance or Processing of Application for Development Approval for Certain Intensive Land Uses. County Attorney Lynn Doss elaborated on the

progression with the Ordinance pertaining to the Intensive Land Uses within Fannin County. Ms. Doss stated the Planning Commission was still in the process of finalizing the draft of the ordinance. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution on extending the Moratorium on the Acceptance or Processing of Application for Development Approval for Certain Intensive Land Uses until December 13th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or until it is repealed, whichever occurs first. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Board Discussion/Action – Resolution on Sick Hours Earned for Public Safety Employees. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution on Sick Hours for all Public Safety Employees accruing at the rate of eight (8) hours per month. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

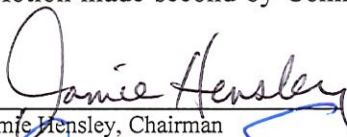
Public Commentary was made by Fire Chief Larry Thomas & William Henry. Public Commentary closed at 7:05 p.m.


EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

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 Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Jamie Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest: 
Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk