



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
October 24th, 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 Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Post One Commissioner Johnny Scarce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Board approval of the minutes from the October 10th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from Mark Burger requesting to build within 15 feet of cul-de-sac. Mr. Burger was present for the variance request. Mr. Burger also stated that he had come back to the Building Department to amend the footage to 24 feet. No party was present in opposition. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action – Grant Waldrop with GDOT regarding update on Hwy. 5 Project. Several representatives with the GDOT gave updates on the Hwy 5 Projects which included Wash Wilson Road, Old Flowers Road, Pine View Lane, SR2 & the By-Pass through McCaysville.

Item #5: Board Discussion/Action – Audit Firm for the upcoming FY2023. Chairman Hensley recommended the county change audit firms based upon the ACCG recommendation of changing firms every four or five years. Chairman Hensley stated he recommended the Rushton Firm be the auditor for the upcoming FY2023. Motion made first by Chairman Hensley. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action – Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding Fire Department Burn Building. Chief Thomas approached the Board to present the total cost of the Burn Building being in the amount of \$80,000. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the \$80,000 cost using the Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Board Discussion/Action - Deputy EMA Director/IT Patrick Cooke regarding information on Electrical Grounding at Fire Station #1. Mr. Cooke presented to the Board the quote from GroundLinx Technologies for the Grounding and Lightning Protection Enhancements at the Public Safety Complex. He stated there had been an incident with lightning tearing up the equipment which could be detrimental to the operations at the Public Safety Complex. The quote was in the amount of \$39,485.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the quote for the equipment in the amount of \$39,485.00 to be paid for out of the E911 Funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding purchasing of new equipment for Public Works. Mr. Ratcliff approached the Board with a quote from Gator Made, Inc. in the amount of \$13,490.00 for an Aardvark Trailor. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$13,490.00 using Public Works SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ratcliff also presented a quote from Nelson Tractor in the amount of \$\$144,400 for two Kabota Tractors and two Mowers. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$144,400

using the Public Works SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #9: Board Discussion/Action – Short Term Vacation Rental Properties Ordinance. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Short Tern Vacation Rental Property Ordinance. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #10: Board Discussion/Action – Update on the Fannin County Library Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

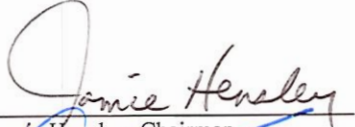
Public Commentary was made by Nancy Thatcher & Benjamin Thatcher.
Public Commentary closed at 7:36 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

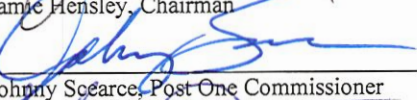
Chairman Hensley stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

CLOSING:

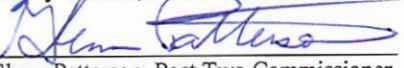
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest: 

Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk