



**Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
November 28th, 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 was not present for meeting.

Item #1: Invocation was led by Pastor Ken Bennett. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Post One Commissioner Johnny Searce.

Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson wanted to commend the Fannin County Firefighters & Volunteer Firefighters along with all of the Public Safety workers in which helped with the structure fire that broke out in the downtown Blue Ridge area on Saturday, November 18th, 2023. Chairman Jamie Hensley & Post One Commissioner Johnny Searce also commended the Public Safety Workers also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #2: Board approval of the minutes from the November 14th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Post One Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action – Resolution on Barnes Chapel & Galloway Bridge. (Tabled from previous meeting of November 14th, 2023). Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution dedicating the Barnes Chapel & Galloway Road Bridge to honor Charles Luther Mathis. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action on Variance Request from William Joseph & Jennifer Howell to place a garage 15 feet from the edge of the road. Chairman Hensley stated the variance had been amended by the party to 20 feet versus 15 feet. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Board Discussion/Action – Lease agreement between Fannin County and Tarpon Towers, II. Chairman Hensley stated the lease would be renewed for 50 years with the same monthly revenue of \$750 each month. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the lease renewal. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6: Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding purchasing of equipment. Sheriff Kirby approached the Board to request the purchase of five vehicles for the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$269,672.00. Sheriff Kirby also requested to use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to pay for the vehicles. Sheriff Kirby stated the vehicles would cost \$46,124.00 each with a savings of \$15,000 if these were purchased before 2024. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of \$269,672.00 with ARPA funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Recreation Director Eddie O'Neal regarding refinishing Recreation Department Floors. Mr. O'Neal approached the Board requesting to have floors on four courts at the Recreation Department refinished. He stated the floors were in need of refinishing and usually are done every couple of years. Mr. O'Neal stated the cost would be in the amount of \$16,884.00 from Prater's Floor but the project would not take place until 2024 which is budgeted in the Rec Department. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the project in the amount of \$16,884.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neal also requested the purchase of 150 Youth Helmets for the Youth Football with the cost being \$20,986.98 from Ridell. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #8: Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Finance Director Sherri L. Walker recommended to the Board to amend the FY2023 Budget to be in compliance. Chairman Hensley made a motion to amend the FY2023 Budget to be in compliance. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

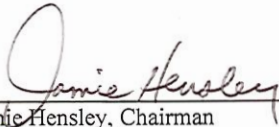
Public Commentary was made by Jan Eaton, Adam Troxell, & Holly Troxell.
Public Commentary closed at 7:06 p.m.

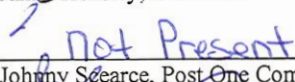
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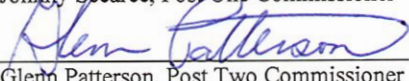
Chairman Hensley stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

CLOSING:

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Jamie Hensley, Chairman


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner


Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest: 

Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk