

**Fannin County Board of Commissioners**

Regular Scheduled Meeting

January 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Jury Assembly Room

Third Floor

**OPENING OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Present in meeting were Chairman James V. Hensley, II, Post One Commissioner Johnny Scearce, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson, County Clerk Sherri L. Walker & County Attorney Lynn Doss.

**OPENING:**

The invocation was led by Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Scearce.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item #1: Approval of minutes of January 28, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion first to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Board Discussion/Action: Variance Request Susan & Kenton Kauffman to add a carport closer to the road. (Variance was tabled from the previous meeting of January 14, 2025). Ms. Kauffman was present for request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the variance request until the next regular meeting in February. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Steven T. & Beth R. Cady to build 22 feet from the center of Lenox Trace. Due to the location of the septic installation this is the best location for the garage. No party was present for variance request. Chairman Hensley stated the variance request had been changed to 20 feet from edge of Lenox Trace. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Timothy W. & Louise V. Stanton to build a garage 25 feet from the center of Turkey Ridge Road. This is the only location to build the garage due to the slope of land. No party was present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding Fannin County Road List update. Mr. Ratcliff presented the addition of roads to the Board. The list to adopt into the Fannin County Road system are as follows:

Prince Lane 1/10 of a mile: Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to accept Prince Lane. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

David Road 8/10 of a mile: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to accept Davis Road. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

Cooper's Drive 2/10 of a mile: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to accept Cooper's Drive. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Hughes Road 1/10 of a mile: Chairman Hensley made a motion first to accept Hughes Road. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding the purchasing of equipment. Mr. O’Neal approached the Board regarding the purchase of 2 LED Scoreboards for the recreation department. Mr. O’Neal stated the quote was from Electro-Mech in the amount of \$7,467.00 and the other quote for installation service was from Scoreboard Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,600.00 for a total being \$9,076.00 to be paid from SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase from SPLOST funds in the amount of \$9,076.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding Georgia Forestry Grant. Mr. Thomas approached the Board regarding the Georgia Forestry Grant 50/50 match. Mr. Thomas stated the grant would be used to purchase fire hoses in the total amount of \$9,760.00 in which ½ will come from Public Safety SPLOST and ½ from grant. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase with ½ of the cost being funded with Public Safety SPLOST. Commissioner Patterson made a motion first. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County EMA Director Patrick Cooke & Fire Chief Larry Thomas – Opening of bids for Ladder Truck. The bids were as follows:
  - Municipal Emergency Services-for equipment option in the amount of \$16,805.13
  - North America Fire Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,480,988.00 for 95’
  - Pierce Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$1,773,124.00 for 107’
  - Peach State Truck Center in the amount of \$1,579,701.00 for 107’
  - Fireline in the amount of \$1,577,050.00 2<sup>nd</sup> for 100’ & additional proposal in the amount of \$1,114,000 for 75’

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the bid award until the next Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board Discussion/Action: Property located in Mineral Bluff – Easement/Right-of-Way. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Quit Claim Agreement with Teresa Queen, Robin Cook & Jimmy Nichols regarding Clement Street also known as Belgrade Avenue. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary Public Commentary was made by Charlie Donaldson. Public Commentary closed at 6:10 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

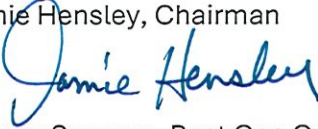
Chairman Hensley stated the topic was real estate with no decision made.

**CLOSING:**

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce.

Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Scarce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:



Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk



