

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

February 11, 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 Searce, 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 Johnny Searce.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda being Item #3 to reflect the correct Variance Request being that of Susan Kauffman instead of Lake Front Partners, LLC. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Item #2: Approval of minutes of the February 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of February 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Board Discussion/Action: Variance Request Susan Kauffman to add a carport closer to the road. (Variance was tabled from the previous meeting of January 28, 2025). Ms. Kauffman was not present for request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request to add a carport 14 feet from the edge of River Hills Road. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke, Josh Curtis & Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding the award of Bid on Ladder Truck. Battalion Chief Josh Curtis, EMA Director Patrick Cooke & Fire Chief Larry Thomas approached the Board to recommend the bid for the ladder truck be awarded to Pierce in the amount of \$1,709,479.00. Mr. Curtis stated this price was the discounted amount of \$78,438.00 for equipment option. EMA Director Patrick Cooke stated the reimbursable amount of Federal Funding was \$887,727.27 by April 2026. The City of Blue Ridge has agreed to pay the remaining balance of \$821,751.73 in two payments with one payment being this year and the remainder payment in 2026. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to award the bid to Pierce in the amount of \$1,709,479.00 being paid from the General Fund. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Colin Michael Ferguson to build a home 15' from the edge of Mountain Tops Circle. No party was present for the variance request. 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.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Copperhill. Chairman Hensley stated this agreement would be with the City of Copperhill to pave West Tennessee Avenue which needed repairs as many citizens from both Fannin County and Polk County travel this route. Mayor Greg Barker from the City of Copperhill was present and agreed the repairs were needed. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve entering

into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Copperhill to pave West Tennessee Avenue. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

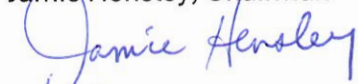
3. Board Discussion/Action – Property in Sugar Creek. Chairman Hensley stated the County has been presented with the opportunity to purchase 30 acres in Sugar Creek in the amount of \$525,000 for future growth opportunities. After discussions, Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase of the 30 acres in Sugar Creek in the amount of \$525,000 from the General Fund. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding Fannin County Road List. Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff approached the Board to make a correction to the addition of Davis Road from the meeting of January 28th, 2025. Mr. Ratcliff stated the correction should be Davis Drive and not Davis Road. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to accept the correction as Davis Drive and not Davis Road. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding the purchase of equipment. Mr. Ratcliff approached the Board with an estimate from Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$247,298.57 for a Komatsu GD 655-7 Motor Grader. The original price was \$303,998.57 with a trade in of \$56,700.00 with the net after trade being \$247,298.57. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$247,298.57 from Public Works SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action: State of Georgia (City of Blue Ridge) Agreement of Stormwater Management Stormwater Facility and Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development Integrated Management Practices – Inspection & Maintenance. Chairman Hensley stated this agreement was for the new Fannin County Library Project. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** No Public Commentary was made. Closed at 6:11 p.m.
8. **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 6:12 p.m

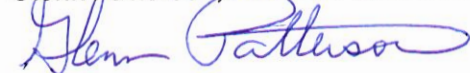
Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:



Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk