

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

February 25th, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item #1: Approval of minutes of February 11th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of February 11th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Christian L. Pope to build a new home 25 feet from the center of Plantation Lane Lot #11. The septic was installed prior to purchase, and this is the only location without moving the septic. No parties were 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.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Resolution for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action – GDOT SR5/Blue Ridge Drive Widening Project – Parcel 72. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to ratify participation for the GDOT SR5/Blue Ridge Drive Widening Project – Parcel 72 with start date being October 2022 authorizing the execution of documents for the acquisition of the right of way on Hwy 5 N. for GDOT. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson.
4. Board Discussion/Action – Special Event License Requirements – Alcohol Beverage License. Applicant Jodi Smith Purpose of Special Event - Fundraiser for Western North Carolina. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Special Event License. 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 quotes from Ronnie Thompson Ford for two 2024 F150 trucks for a total of \$93,286.00 to be paid from Public Works SPLOST. The individual total for trucks were \$46,730.00 and \$46,556.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the total of \$93,286.00 for two vehicles to be paid from Public Works SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary was made by Charles Donaldson.

Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson asked for an update on the IGA with the City of Copperhill regarding the paving project of West Tennessee Avenue. Chairman Hensley stated he attended the City of Copperhill meeting on February 18th, and Mayor Greg Barker signed the Intergovernmental Agreement. Chairman Hensley also stated Mayor Barker had elaborated to the fact there were more Fannin County residents which travel the West Tennessee Avenue route than Polk County residents. Chairman Hensley asked Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff to elaborate on the project.

Mr. Ratcliff stated West Tennessee Avenue was 6/10 of a mile with an estimated cost of \$100,000. Mr. Ratcliff stated the paving project would begin when weather permitted. Mr. Ratcliff provided the Board with the document outlining the scope of the project. (see attached Exhibit) Commissioner Patterson stated he just wanted there to be transparency on the project and to show there is a good working relationship with other entities.

Public Commentary was closed at 5:45 p.m.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** Chairman Hensley stated there a need for Executive Session.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley stated to the topic was real estate with not action taken.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into a lease agreement with Clinton Davenport, LLC for a three five-year option to house the Fannin County Coroner office. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING:

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

Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

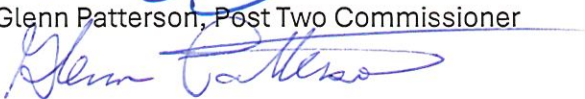
Jamie Hensley, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:



Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk