

## **Fannin County Board of Commissioners**

Regular Scheduled Meeting

March 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 Post One Commissioner Johnny Searce.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item #1: Approval of minutes of February 25th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of February 25th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from American Cowboy Construction, LLC to build a new home 35 feet from the centerline of Hiawatha Trail. Craig Flowers 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.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from BR Toccoa, LLC to have a minimum subdivision lot size of 1 acre with city water and individual septic systems. 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.
3. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Mountain Sunshine Properties, LLC to build a garage 38 feet from the centerline. No parties were present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action – Intergovernmental Agreement with Fannin County Board of Education – Summer Program FY2025. Martha Williams presented to the Board the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for the Summer Program for FY2025. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for FY2025. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding the purchasing of equipment.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to move Item #5 to Item #10. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County EMS Director Becky Huffman regarding the purchasing of equipment. Ms. Huffman presented to the Board a quote from Stryker Sales, LLC for one MTS PowerPro Cot with Stair-Pro in the total discounted amount of \$37,276.33. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$37,276.33 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County Coroner Becky Callihan regarding the purchasing of equipment. Ms. Callihan approached the Board with a quote from TWC Services for Walk-In Cooler Relocation in the amount of \$7,766.25. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase not to exceed the amount of \$7,766.25 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Callihan also presented the Board with another quote from TWC Services for a Walk-In Cooler Install in the amount of \$45,642.46. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of \$45,642.46 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County EMA Director Patrick Cooke regarding the purchasing of equipment. Mr. Cooke approached the Board with a quote from Sourcewell MES for a Washer & Dryer in the amount of \$56,290.98. Mr. Cooke stated this quote amount was less than the grant of \$82,300. Mr. Cooke stated the balance could be used for additional equipment. The match is 10% to be paid from the General Fund. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$56,290.98. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding the purchasing of equipment. Mr. Thomas approached the Board with a quote from MES in the amount of \$14,240.62 for a Combi Tool with two batteries. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$14,240.62 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding the purchasing of equipment. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to move Item #10 to Item #9. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.  
  
Sheriff Kirby approached the Board with a quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$425,475.16 over five years for Bodycams & Car cams with hardware, accessories, & implementation. The first payment (upfront cost) would be in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the hardware, accessories, & implementation. Thereafter, each remaining year would be in the subscription amount annually of \$75,118.79. Sheriff Kirby stated there was a \$42,000.00 discount on the current equipment that was in place. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of \$425,475.16 over five years to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Board Discussion/Action: Property in Mineral Bluff adjoining Fire Station #2.  
Commissioner Searce elaborated on the need for the additional property adjoining

the new Mineral Bluff Fire Station. Commissioner Searce stated there was over 1/2 acre of property located in Mineral Bluff on Clemet Street that would benefit the county in safety needs with the Fire Station and help with access to the Fire Station. Commissioner Searce stated the price was \$75,000.00. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to purchase the property in the amount of \$75,000.00 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Chairman Hensley. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary was made by Larry Saputa. The Public Commentary was closed at 6:30 p.m.

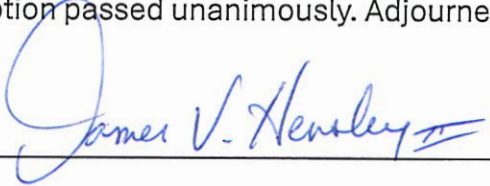
**12. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

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

**13. CLOSING:**

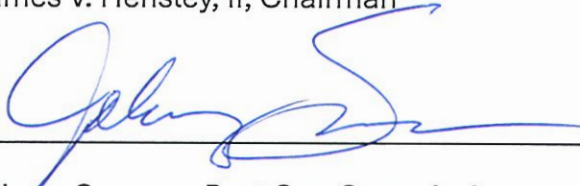
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adjourn the meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.




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James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



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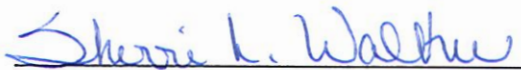
Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



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Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



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Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk

