

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 8th, 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 Post One Commissioner Johnny Scearce.

Chairman Hensley stated there was a need to amend the agenda to add an Emergency Purchase being Item #7. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Item #7 as Emergency Purchase to replace windows in the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Doyle Lee Carder, Jr. to build home 27 feet from center of Crabapple Road. Mr. Doyle Lee Carder, Jr. was present for the variance request. 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 George David Reichard to build a garage 30 feet from center of Azure Point. 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 – Variance Request from Jeremy Underwood to build home 33 feet from center of Canyon Drive. No party was present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action – Re-appointment of Jackie Self to the Fannin County Development Authority Board for another three-year term. Term being April 2025 through April 2028. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the reappointment of Jackie Self to the Fannin County Development Authority Board for

another three-year term. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussion/Action – Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding purchasing equipment. Mr. Ratcliff approached the Board regarding the purchase of a Laminated Tailwheel Tractor in the amount of \$5,593.00 and a Kubota Tractor in the amount of \$37,614.17. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the total amount of \$43,207.17 to be paid from SPLOST funds. Commissioner Scarce made a motion first. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Fire Chief Larry Thomas & Fannin County Building Inspector Keith Nicholson regarding the purchasing of building for Fire Station #2. Fire Chief Larry Thomas and Building Inspector Keith Nicholson approached the Board regarding the construction of the new Mineral Bluff Fire Station #2. The following quotes were presented for the following phases of construction:

L.D.P. Construction Co., Inc.	Doors	\$36,200.00
Ascent Buildings	Metal Building	\$90,000.00
Allen Construction	Exterior Labor	\$69,928.00

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the amount of \$36,200.00 for the doors to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Metal Building to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the amount of \$69,928.00 for the assembly of metal building being labor in the amount of \$69,928.00 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board Discussion/Action - Chairman Hensley stated the windows in the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association needed to be replaced. Chairman Hensley presented the cost of the window replacements in the amount of \$111,978.40 to be paid from Admin SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Public Commentary was made by David Wells & Richard Belmont. Public Commentary was closed at 5:58 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Hensley stated there was a need for Executive Session.

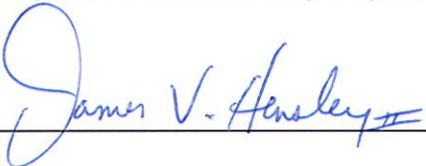
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to enter into Executive Session at 5:58 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

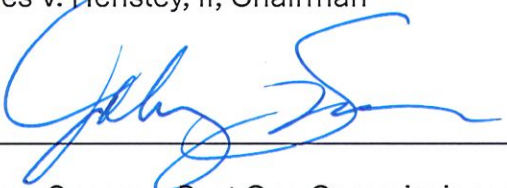
Chairman Hensley stated while in Executive Session the topic of discussion was litigation with no action being taken.

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

Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



Johnny Scarce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk

