

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting
May 13th, 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 April 22nd, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of April 22nd, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Darci L. & Carey A. Bloodworth to build a two-car garage/storage building 25' to 30' from the center line and to be 10' from the north property line of Overlook Drive. Mr. Bloodworth was present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request pending a letter from the neighbor. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Phil H. & Peggy F. Joyner to build a garage 40' from the center of Stuart Mountain Road. 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 Daniel R. & Heather Kaufman to build a one bedroom/one bath 600 sq. ft. home 15' from the edge of Flat Creek Circle. Mr. Kaufman was 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 John Leggett with MSI Benefits regarding FY2025 Health Insurance Benefits. Mr. Leggett presented to the Board the 2025 Benefits Renewal with the recommendation being Option 5. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the recommendation Option 5 for the 2025 Benefits Renewal. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Alcohol License Application of Kerith House Cellars, LLC d/b/a Kerith House Cellars. Mr. Scott Simon was present for the license request. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the license request. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding the additional parking at Tom Boyd Park. Mr. O’Neal approached the Board regarding adding 90 to 100 additional parking spaces at Tom Boyd Park. Mr. O’Neal stated the quote from Johnson’s Paving was in the amount of \$96,000.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the additional parking spaces in the amount of \$96,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding the purchasing of equipment. Sheriff Kirby approached the Board regarding the purchase of equipment being Eagle Advantage Solutions in the amount of \$57,565.53. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$57,565.53 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Kirby presented to the Board the purchase of equipment being 38 Tasers with accessories including warranties in the amount of \$184,812.91 from Axon Enterprises, Inc. to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$184,812.91 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Patterson. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Board Discussion/Action: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding the Work Detail Agreement By and Between Georgia Department of Corrections and Fannin County. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections in the amount of \$54,249.80 for the term of the agreement. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Public Commentary was made Nick Wimberly.

Public Commentary closed at 6:38 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 6:39 p.m. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

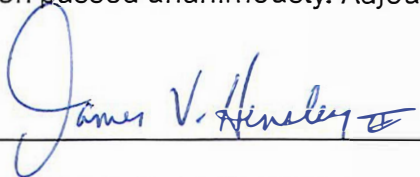
Chairman Hensley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m

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

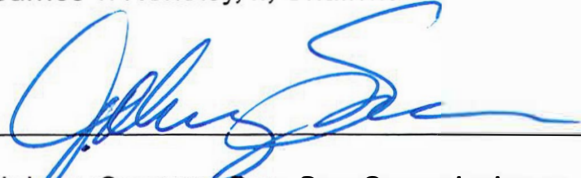
Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve purchasing 30 acres of property on Lebanon Road in the amount of \$700,000 with \$175,000 being donated to the county with actual purchase price of \$525,000. Chairman Hensley stated the property consisted of two DNR wells which would allow water expansion in the area working with the Fannin County Water Authority. 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.

Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker

Certified County Clerk



