

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting
January 13th, 2026 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 & Finance Director Sherri Walker & County Attorney Lynn Doss.

OPENING: The invocation was led by Commissioner Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add Item #9 being Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding purchasing of vehicles. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add item #10 being Resolution on Data Centers. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add Item #11 being Resolution on Biosolids. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add Item #12 being Resolution on Crypto Mining & Bitcoin. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #1: Approval of minutes of December 9th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of December 9th, 2025 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Eugene Robert Dobbs to build a new home with carport 30 feet from the center of Chocktaw Ridge. No party 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.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Clifford S. & Heather M. Goodman to build an attached garage for house 35 feet from center of South Dream Catcher. D.J. Carder was present for variance request. Mr. Carder stated the variance request should have been 30 feet verses the 35 feet from center of South Dream Catcher. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action – Re-appointment of Teresa Bidez to the Fannin County Development Authority Board for another three-year term. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the re-appointment of Teresa Bidez to the Fannin County

Development Authority Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Discussion/Action – Resignation of Steve Grable from the Fannin County Development Authority Board. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to remove Mr. Grable from the Fannin County Development Authority Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action: Resignation of Andy Rhodes from the Fannin County Water Authority Board. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to remove Andy Rhodes from the Fannin County Water Authority Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action: Personnel – Fannin County Animal Control. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to remove Jane Newton as the Fannin County Animal Control Director effective January 19th, 2026. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Chairman Hensley abstained from voting. Motion passed with Chairman Hensley abstaining.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to appoint Casey Daniel as the Fannin County Animal Control Director effective January 19th, 2026. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed.
7. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County CFO Sherri L. Walker regarding Resolution to close bank account. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Resolution to close the ARPA Bank Account. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution by the Governing Authority of Fannin County, A Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia Setting Qualifying Fees for the 2026 Election and Authorizing Publication of Same. Chairman Hensley made a motion to adopt the Resolution Setting Qualifying Fees for the 2026 Election and Authorizing Publication of Same. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding purchasing equipment. Sheriff Kirby presented to the Board the purchase of two vehicles in the amount of \$115,600.00 from Public Safety SPLOST. One vehicle in the amount of \$60,282.00 and one in the amount of \$55,318.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase of vehicles in the amount of \$115,600.00 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Board Discussion/Action: A Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on the Acceptance of any Applications Related to the Development of any New Data Centers in the County Until June 30th, 2026; To Repeal Conflicting Resolutions; to Provide for Severability; To Provide for An Adoption Date and Effective Date; to Provide a Penalty; and For Other Purposes. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Board Discussion/Action: A Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on the Acceptance of any Applications Related to the Development, Distribution, Storage, of Biosolids in the County until June 30th, 2026; To Repeal Conflicting Resolutions; To Provide for An Adoption Date and Effective Date; to Provide a Penalty; and For Other Purposes. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

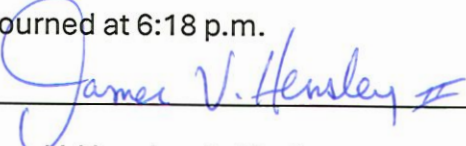
12. Board Discussion/Action: A Resolution Establishing a Moratorium on the Acceptance of any Applications Related to the Development of any Crypto Mining, Bitcoin Mining or Similar Operation in the County Until June 30th, 2026; To Repeal Conflicting Resolutions; to Provide for Severability; To Provide for An Adoption Date and Effective Date; to Provide a Penalty; and For Other Purposes. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary was made by Marco Falgiano. Public Commentary closed at 6:17 p.m.


14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 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 Scarce. Motion passed unanimously.


Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



Johnny Scarce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk



Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

January 14th, 2026 at 2:44 pm

Jury Assembly Room

Third Floor

The Fannin County Board of Commissioners met in an emergency called meeting on January 14, 2026, at 2:44 PM. The meeting was called pursuant to the authority granted for calling an emergency meeting for “public safety/ property/ service issues”. Chairman James V. Hensley, II, Post One Commissioner Johnny Scarce, and Post Two Commissioner were present. Glenn Harbinson, Editor of *The News Observer*, which is the legal organ for the County was present. The meeting was held in the Fannin County Jury Assembly Room located on the 3rd floor of the Fannin County Courthouse, which is the location of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Fannin County Board of Commissioners. In the absence of Sherri L. Walker, County Clerk, Lynn Doss was appointed to act as secretary. Approximately 10 members of the public were also present.

A motion was made by Chairman James V. Hensley, II to purchase Parcel No. 0057 016, the same having a 911 address of 2624 Tennis Court Road, Blue Ridge, Georgia, and 2.46 acres, designated by the Fannin County Tax Assessors as Parcel No. 0057 01601, the same having a 911 address of 45 Crystal Mountain Circle, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513, collectively and together with all water rights, fixtures, personal property and existing contracts (the “Property”) from Cline J. Bowers, Jr., Tonia B. Ross, Cedric D. Bowers, and Sugar Valley Springs, Inc. for the sum of \$4,000,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnny Scarce. Discussion followed. Thereafter, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hensley made a motion to adjourn.

2nd by Commissioner Scarce.

All in favor

James V. Hensley, II Chairman, James V. Hensley, II

Johnny Scarce Post One Commissioner Johnny Scarce

Via Telephone Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson

Sherri L. Walker Certified County Clerk, Sherri L. Walker

Attest

