

**Fannin County Board of Commissioners**  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
January 27th, 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 Chairman Hensley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Searce.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item #1: Approval of minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Approval of minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Emergency Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Emergency Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

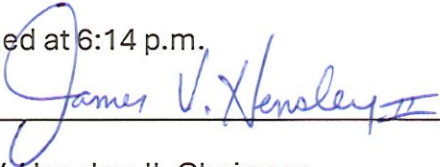
1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Hawthorn Ventures Blue Ridge, LLC to increase the units per acre to 15.3 instead of 8 for a total of 48 units on 3.14 acres. Lots 1 & 2. Representatives from Hawthorn Ventures Blue Ridge, LLC were present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Gary M. Knight for 5 feet set back from edge of 20 feet ingress/egress easement for Fish Trap Road. Best location to build home due to slope. No party was present for 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 – Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding purchasing of Recreation Center equipment. Athletic Coordinator John Spargo approached the Board regarding the purchase of three pickleball nets in the amount of \$7,800.00 from Recreation SPLOST. Mr. Spargo stated there would be six nets purchased with the donation. Chairman Hensley made a motion first approve the purchase for three pickleball nets in the amount of \$7,800.00 to be paid from SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action – EMA Director Patrick Cooke regarding USDA Grant. EMA Director Patrick Cooke approached the Board regarding the approval for the USDA Grant for the brush truck in the amount of \$205,000.00 with no county match. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the grant & the Resolution in the amount of \$205,000.00. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary was made by Amy Doddy, Julie Wooten, Jan Eaton & Donna Ackers. Public Commentary closed at 6:13 p.m.

6. **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 6:14 p.m.



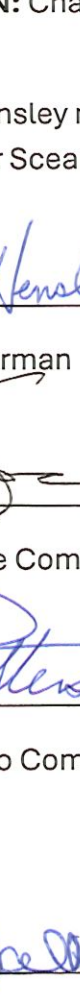
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James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



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Johnny Scarce, Post One Commissioner



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Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



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Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk