

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting
February 24th, 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:

Item #1: Approval of minutes of February 10th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of February 10th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from Kass Mountain Properties, LLC to build a new home 30 feet from edge of Valley Lane due to size of the lot on river side. 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.
2. Board Discussion/Action – EMA Director Patrick Cooke regarding purchasing of equipment through Georgia Forestry Grant. Mr. Cooke approached the Board regarding the purchase of the Brush Truck through HGHC with the USDA Grant. The cost of the truck is \$223,650.00 with the county portion being \$18,650.00. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Motion made first by Commissioner Searce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cooke also approached the Board with the purchase of the equipment for the brush truck in the amount of \$9,560.00 with the county portion being \$4,780.00. This is also through a grant not to exceed \$10,000.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action: Chairman Hensley presented a Letter of Support for the Blue Ridge Medical Center's FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending request which includes a proposed CDS funded project which will relocate and expand the Emergency Department and move the laboratory. The project amount will be approximately \$4 million. The Board of Commissioners supports this project by Letter of Support because it directly enhances public safety, supports growing population, improves emergency medical readiness, and benefits the large number of tourists who visit the area.

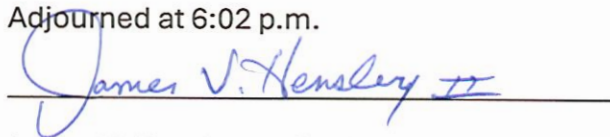
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Public Commentary was made by the following: Christie Guarneri, Donna Smilow, & Vicki Smith

Public Commentary Closed at 6:01 p.m.

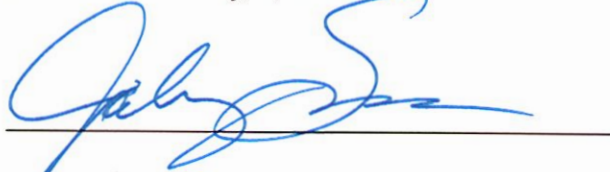
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Hensley stated there was not a need for Executive Session.

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

Adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman

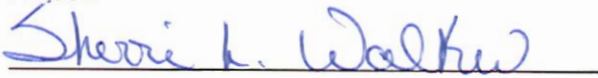


Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk