

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting

March 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.

Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the agenda to add Sheriff Dane Kirby and Keith Nicholson as Item # 8. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action – Variance Request from LBR Longview, LLC to build a new home 8 feet from the property line between lots #14 & #15. Variance request is due to the terrain and slope. No parties were present for variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to deny the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Board Discussion/Action - Resolution naming a portion of 515 near Mountain Area Christian Academy in honor of Howell & Jane Teasley. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action – Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fannin County Board of Education & Fannin County for the Afterschool Meal Program. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the IGA with the Fannin County Board of Education. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action – Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding the After School Expansion Project Bid Process. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the After School Expansion Project bidding process. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action – Recreation Director Eddie O’Neal regarding Laser Grading for the County Park fields. Mr. O’Neal approached the Board regarding the Laser Grading for the fields. This will include topsoil and to move disc golf back from the field. Mr. O’Neal stated the amount would be \$31,000.00 from River City Athletics and to be paid from SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the project in the amount of \$31,000.00 to be paid from Recreation SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Discussion/Action –EMS Director Becky Huffman regarding the purchase of equipment. Ms. Huffman approached the Board regarding the purchase of a power stretcher with all equipment in the amount of \$9,000.00 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of \$9,000.00 from SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Board Discussion/Action – Fannin County Fire Chief Larry Thomas with presentation of the new Fannin County Fire Department Ladder Truck.
8. Board Discussion/Action – Sheriff Dane Kirby & Keith Nicholson regarding the purchase of building for the Sheriff's office. Mr. Nicholson approached the Board regarding the purchase of the metal building for the Sheriff's office in the amount of \$84,000.00. Mr. Nicholson stated he anticipates the total cost of completion of the building not to exceed \$150,000.00. Chairman Hensley asked for a motion first not to exceed \$150,000.00 from SPLOST. Motion made first by Commissioner Scarce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

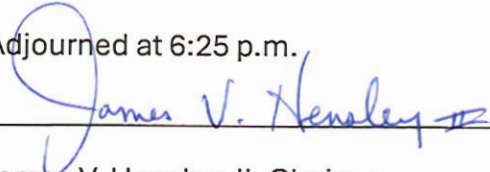
Public Commentary was made by: Julie Wooten & Christie Guarneri

Closed at 6:24p.m.

9. **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 Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman



Johnny Scarce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:



Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk

