Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
July 28th, 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 Scearce, Post Two Commissioner Glenn Patterson was not present, County Clerk & Finance Director Sherri Walker & County Attorney Lynn Doss.

OPENING: The invocation was led by Eddie O'Neal. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Scearce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval of minutes of July 14th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Nancy T. & Kenneth P. Bauer to build a garage 20 feet from the center of Highland Gap. (Tabled from previous meeting of July 14th, 2026) Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Discussion/Action: Director of Recreation Eddie O'Neal regarding bid award. Mr. O'Neal approached the Board with the two contractors recommended for the Rec Expansion project. They were as follows: Charles Black Construction in the amount of $897,107 & L Squared Construction in the amount of $914,600. Mr. O'Neal made the recommendation of less days to complete the project due to the congestion at the rec center. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to award the bid to L Squared Construction in the amount $914,600 with 95 days completion to be paid with Recreation SPLOST funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Ronald W. & Tracy A. Canterbury to build a 16 X 24 garage 25 feet from the center of Mountain Retreat Drive. No parties were present for the variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Virginia Carron & Brent Hunter Eland to build a garage 12 feet from midpoint of Star Drive. No parties were present for the request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to table the variance until the next regular meeting for issues to be resolved. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Anne I Merkel to build a carport 20 feet from the center of Evening Shade Walk. Ms. Merkel was present for variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request with the conditions of variance being to remain an open carport. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from William E. Reed to build a shed 37 feet from edge of Thomas Street. Due to size of lot, this is the only location for shed. Mr. Reed was present for variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussion/Action: 911 Director Jill Huffman regarding Dalton Communication Phone System. Director Jill Huffman approached the Board with a quote from Dalton Communications regarding the 911 phone system. The quote was from Dalton Communications for a five-year renewal contract in the amount of $54,322.40. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the contract in the amount of $54,322.40 to be paid out of 911 funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke regarding tower equipment upgrade. EMA Director Patrick Cook approached the Board with a quote from Dalton Communications for tower equipment upgrade in the amount of $10,663.34 to be paid from 911 funds. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the quote in the amount of $10,663.34 to be paid from 911 funds. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Public Commentary** - No Public Commentary was made.

8. Public Commentary closed at 5:49 p.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 Scearce. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

James V. Hensley, II, Chairman

Johnny Scearce, Post One Commissioner

Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk

Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
August 5th, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
Jury Assembly Room
Third Floor

OPENING OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING:

Present in meeting were Chairman James V. Hensley, II, Post One Commissioner Johnny Scearce via telephone, 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 Chairman Hensley.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement to Adopting a Proposed and Tentative FY2026 General M & O (Maintenance and Operation) Millage Rate for Fannin County. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement to Adopting a Proposed and Tentative FY2026 General M & O (Maintenance and Operation) Millage Rate for Fannin County. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Commentary** - No Public Commentary was made.
3. Public Commentary closed at 10:05 a.m.
4. **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 10:05 a.m.

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