Fannin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Scheduled Meeting
August 25th, 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, 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 Scearce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval of minutes of August 11th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of August 11th, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Virginia Carron Eland & Brent Hunter to build a garage 12 feet from midpoint of Star Creek Drive. (Tabled from previous meeting of August 11th, 2026). Ms. Eland was present for variance request. Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from KEW Enterprises, Inc. to build a new home 33 feet from the center of Long View Lane. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution Adopting the FY 2026 Millage Rate for Fannin County. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution for the FY 2026 Millage Rate. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution Consenting to the Deannexation of Property Identified as Tax Parcel ID 0053 B 00102 66 Mountain Tops Circle, Blue Ridge, Georgia Applicant: Colin Michael Ferguson. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution Consenting to Deannexation. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Discussion/Action: Recreation Director Eddie O'Neal regarding the purchase of equipment. Mr. O'Neal approached the Board with a quote to purchase picnic tables for the pavilion at the Fannin County Park in the amount of $11,748.00 from Bliss Products to be paid from Recreation SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of $11,748.00 to be paid from SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke & Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding the purchase of Turnout Gear. EMA Director Patrick Cooke & Fire Chief Larry Thomas approached the Board for approval of 26 sets of turnout gear in the amount of

$3,829.00 each for a total price of $99,554.00. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of $99,554.00 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke regarding purchase of equipment. EMA Director Patrick Cooke approached the Board with a quote on a 2014 Ram Flatbed Truck (Brush Truck) in the amount of $34,000 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of $34,000.00 from Public Safety SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board Discussion/Action: Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff regarding the purchase of equipment. Public Works Director Zack Ratcliff approached the Board regarding the purchase of a John Deer Gravel Skidder in the amount of $35,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase in the amount of $35,000.00 from SPLOST. Motion made second by Commissioner Scearce. Motion passed unanimously.

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

9. Public Commentary closed at 5:57 p.m.

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

CLOSING: Chairman Hensley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made first by Commissioner Scearce. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

James V. Hensley II

James V. Hensley, II, Chairman

Johnny Scearce, Post One Commissioner

Glenn Patterson

Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner

Attest:

Sherrie L. Walker

Sherri L. Walker, Certified County Clerk