

Fannin County Board of Commissioners

Regular Scheduled Meeting
October 13th, 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.

PENING: The invocation was led by Commissioner Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Searce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval of minutes of September 22nd, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the minutes of September 22nd, 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

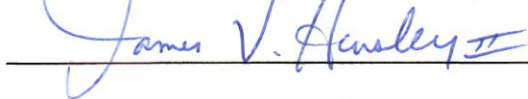
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Discussion/Action: Variance request from Steven M. & Vickie W. Champion to build an enclosed porch 8 feet from property line with neighbor's approval. 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 Markco, LLC to build new homes 10 feet from the property line on all sides and 25 feet from the edge of the ROW for Mountain Lake Drive for lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, & 24. Homeowner agrees to install a turnaround on Lott 22 for emergency vehicles, etc. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the variance request with the condition of ten (10) feet side to side and twenty-five (25) feet from edge of R-O-W. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution to dedicate the Galloway Bridge in Honor of Francis Newberry. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to adopt the Resolution. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Board Discussion/Action: Reappointment of Rob Kaser to the Fannin County Water Authority Board. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to reappoint Rob Kaser to the Fannin County Water Authority for another three-year term. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Board Discussion/Action: Appointment of Judge B. Allison Sosebee to the Highland River Mental Health Board. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to appoint Judge B. Allison Sosebee to the Highland River Mental Health Board. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Board Discussion/Action: Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit for Marine Corps League #1438. Chairman Hensley stated there was no action required on this item.
7. Board Discussion/Action: Service Agreement from Trane on the Fannin County Library. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the Service Agreement with Trane for the Fannin County Library in the amount of \$4,931.50 Quarterly. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Board Discussion/Action: Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby regarding Engineering and Traffic Safety Study on Fannin County Roads. Sheriff Kirby presented to the BOC the Professional Service Agreement Letter regarding the Engineering and Traffic Study for speed limits on Fannin County Roads. The total lump sum amount was \$31,225.00 to be paid from the General Fund. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the agreement. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke and Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding Fire Grant. EMA Director Patrick Cooke and Fire Chief Larry Thomas approached the Board regarding a quote from Williams Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$107,111.90 with no local share required for a total of five units which includes installation and shipping to be paid by Department of Interior Slip in Tanker Grant. Purchase to be paid out of the Muti Grant fund with reimbursement. Chairman Hensley made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$107,111.90 to be paid from Multi Grant. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Board Discussion/Action: EMA Director Patrick Cooke and Fire Chief Larry Thomas regarding fire equipment. EMA Director Patrick Cooke and Fire Chief Larry Thomas approached the Board regarding a quote from MES in the amount of \$89,911.45 to be paid from Public Safety SPLOST. Mr. Cooke stated the cost would be slightly less than the quote. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the purchase from Public Safety SPLOST in the amount not to exceed \$89,911.45. Motion made second by Commissioner Searce. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Board Discussion/Action: CFO Sherri Walker regarding payout of the National Opioid Settlement Funds to the Appalachian Drug Court. Ms. Walker made a recommendation to the Board regarding all funds collected for the payout of the National Opioid Settlement Funds to be paid directly to the Appalachian Drug Court along with any other funds received thereafter. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to approve the payout of the National Opioid Funds to the Appalachian Drug Court. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Board Discussion/Action: Resolution to amend the FY2026 Fannin County Budget. Chairman Hensley made a motion first to amend the FY2026 Fannin County Budget. Motion made second by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.
13. **Public Commentary** - Public Commentary was made by Larry Syputa. Public Commentary closed at 6:09 p.m.

14. **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 6:10 p.m.



James V. Hensley, II, Chairman

Johnny Searce, Post One Commissioner



Glenn Patterson, Post Two Commissioner



Attest:



Sherrie L. Walker, Certified County Clerk