

On this 27th day of December 2011 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 21st day of December 2011 at 11:00 a.m. with the following members being present:

Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Dewayne Strickland	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Joe Strong	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Creta Carter II called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Stan Barker, Commissioner

ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Judge Creta Carter II stated a quorum has been established.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes presented for 12/19/2011.

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING
RECOMMENDATIONS OF FANNIN RURAL RAIL DISTRICT BOARD AND TO
APPROVE THE FILLING OF THE BOARD SEAT, VACATED BY MILLARD BRENT –
FANNIN RURAL RAIL DISTRICT BOARD**

Mr. Glenn Taylor stated Millard Brent has resigned, Mr. Pat Hilliard has resigned and the Board had appointed Richard Davey. Commissioner Strong asked if the board had appointed or recommended Mr. Davey, Mr. Taylor stated they had recommended Mr. Davey.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dwayne Strickland
Vote: 4-1 Passed (Joe Strong voting Nay)

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FOUR (4) EXISTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPIRING 2011 TERMS – FANNIN RURAL RAIL DISTRICT BOARD

Mr. Taylor stated the Board recommended reappointment of Mr. Price Bradshaw, Mr. Mayfield McCraw and Mr. Glenn Taylor himself to serve on the board; stating Mr. Pat Hilliard has resigned for health reasons.

Mr. Larry Lawrence and Mr. Michael Evans stated their concern over reinstating some of the board members. Mr. Dale McQueen submitted a letter summarizing his concern over reappointing Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bradshaw, the validity of the Fannin Rural Rail and Reader Railroad and the study done in May of 2009.

Judge Carter asked if any of those in opposition to the board were interested in serving. Mr. Lawrence stated he was not, Mr. Evans stated he was not; Mr. McQueen stated he was interested.

Judge Carter stated board members need to attend the meetings.

Commissioner Barker moved to re-appoint Mr. Price Bradshaw, Mr. Mayfield McCraw and Mr. Glenn Taylor.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dwayne Strickland
Vote: 4-1 Passed (Joe Strong voting Nay)

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE OF VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICE FOR TELEPHONE AND NORTH FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS - SEBASTIAN

Mr. Bill Sebastian stated he received a response from Verizon representative Mr. David Russell; Mr. Russell told him there were no current plans to extend wireless service into Fannin County but Verizon may discuss it during the next Capital Budget year. Mr. Sebastian stated he would be willing to go to Atlanta to represent Telephone Texas.

No action taken.

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR AUDIT AN APPROVAL OF FY 2011 CHAPTER 59 ASSET FORFEITURE REPORT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY – CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Richard Glaser, Criminal District Attorney stated the report is filed annually for seizures, accounting of money spent and what is pending, for his office and other agencies; the report is now required by law to have Commissioner Court approval.

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE SECO STIMULUS ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLACK GRANT CS0710 CONTRACT AND TO APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Edwards, Purchasing Agent stated the amendment to the grant decreases the time permitted for completion of the lighting in the courthouse, additionally requiring any building over 44 years to have work approved by the Historical Commission.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the amendment and authorize Judge Carter to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A T500 GALION-GODWIN 14' DUMP BED, ACCESSORIES, MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR MOUNTING, FROM RED RIVER TRUCK REPAIR FOR PRECINCT THREE (3) AND TO APPROVE FUNDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT #23-623-571 – COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3

Commissioner Strickland stated he has a truck to put the dump bed on.

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 10. ADJOURN

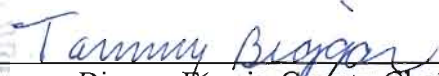
Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 27th day of December 2011.

(LGC 81.003)

ATTEST:



Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk