



## MEETING MINUTES

### FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### Superintendent

Shannon M. Dillard

#### Board Members

Mike Cole, Chair

Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair

Adam Born

Robert Patterson

Ashley H. Weeks

### Attendees

#### Members in Attendance

Mike Cole, Chair

Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair

Adam Born, Board Member

Robert Patterson, Board Member

Ashley H. Weeks, Board Member

#### 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Cole, Chair

Also present were the County Commissioners, representatives from the Board for the City of Blue Ridge, representatives from the Board for the City of McCaysville, and representatives from the Board for the City of Morganton. Each Board had a quorum. County and School Board attorney Lynn Doss was also present.

#### 2. Invocation

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. "INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION" (HB 581)

Dawn Cochran Chief Tax Assessor gave an overview of the status of the tax digest and HB 581. She explained the current exemptions Fannin County offers. Ms. Cochran then presented tax digest details and exemptions of each municipality and the school system. It was noted that 82% of Fannin County's digest is from residential parcels. HB 581 is in addition to, but not in place of, existing homestead exemptions. Ms. Cochran explained that tax burdens do not disappear with exemptions, but rather they shift.

The County Commissioners facilitated public comment. Thirteen individuals spoke.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion and second were made to adjourn subject to being called into special session by Chair when deemed necessary.

Adjourned at 8:09 PM

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

*Shannon M. Dillard 2/13/25*

Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent/Date

*Mike Cole 2/13/25*

Mike Cole, Chair/Date

*Heather Collis 2/13/25*

Heather Collis, Submitted By/Date

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