

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

Chairman Jimmy Hooper
Vice Chairman Charles Turk
Commissioner David Duckett
Commissioner Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present

County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Sheriff Carlton Speed
E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore
Fire Chief Steve Nichols
Human Resource Officer Arlene Ivey
Public Utilities Director Horace Gee
Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Paul Ruark
Attorney Randall Frost

Media Present

Angela Gary, Banks County News

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated a few items needed to be added to the agenda. The following items were added to the agenda by Comm. Reece and Vice Ch. Turk:

Item 17. Special Equipment for Sheriff Deputies

Item 18. FY2021 Budget Resolution

Motion to approve the amended agenda: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated lately it seemed like every time you turn around there was some type of controversy going on in the world. He stated he was tired of it because it seemed like certain people are trying to tear down our Republic. He was sad to hear this week that some wanted to defund parts of our government. Today we have the opportunity to go and vote and make a difference in our world.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 5/7, 5/12

Motion to approve the minutes: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. CU-20-04 – Pradhuman Patel – Conditional Use Application to allow a hotel located on 1.88 acres on Map/Parcel #B54D-023B

Chairman Hooper closed the meeting and Attorney Frost opened the public hearing. Attorney Frost stated this was a conditional use application to allow a hotel to locate on 1.88 acres on Map/Parcel #B54D-023B. Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Pradhuman Patel – 153 Hampton Ct., Commerce – Stated he wanted to construct a True Hotel by Hilton which would have 78 rooms and 80 parking spaces.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing. Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

8. Employee Recognition:

a. Kim McEntire – National Parks & Recreation Certification

Brooke Whitmire, Park & Recreation Director stated that Kim McEntire, Park & Recreation Assistant Director had earned the highest level of certification a Parks & Recreation professional can reach. In order to receive this certification, you must already hold a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional certification, a bachelor's degree, a management position within parks and recreation for at least 5 years and pass an extremely rigorous certification test where you must score at a minimum 80% to pass. Ms. Whitmire presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. McEntire for her accomplishment.

9. Road Public Hearing: Griffin Drive Abandonment

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Attorney Frost opened the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated before a County could abandon a road, they had to hold a public hearing. He stated the purpose of the hearing was to consider the abandonment of an unused portion of Griffin Drive beginning from CR36/129 Silver Shoals Road and ending .78 miles.

Todd Boring – 702 Silver Shoals Road – Stated he had just purchased property that part of this old road came through and wanted to close it so he could turn it into pasture land. He stated the road hadn't been used in over 45 years.

Jerry Griffin – 264 Griffin Drive – Stated he owned property on the other end and he would like that portion of the road abandoned.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to close the road because it had ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose was served by it: Danny Maxwell

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Map filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

**10. Recreation: Windmill Park Multipurpose Field Improvements Engineering & Design – Hayes|James
Brooke Whitmire**

Ms. Whitmire stated Hayes|James had engineered and designed the Windmill Park Sports Complex and the addition of a multipurpose field would complement that area. The funds were designated for recreation in the 2017 SPLOST.

Comm. Maxwell stated the original agreement stated unpaid invoices would accrue interest at 18% interest annually but they had agreed to decrease that amount to 4% interest annually. He stated Hayes|James would be responsible for engineering, design, bid process, review, administration and closing the project out.

Motion to proceed with the agreement: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

11. Fire/EMS: Station 25 and Ladder Truck Equipment Bid Award **Steve Nichols**

Steve Nichols Fire Chief stated he had received quotes for equipping Station 25 and the ladder truck. The total price of the equipment would be \$46,094.00. Vice Ch. Turk stated that would be needed when the station was complete.

Motion to approve the bid for equipment for Station 25 and the ladder truck: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Fire/EMS Stretcher Maintenance/Service Agreement – Stryker **Steve Nichols**

Chief Nichols stated this was an annual maintenance agreement for the stretchers in the amount of \$6,186.60.

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

13. Fire/EMS: Patient Care Report Transmission Service Agreement – Kno2

Steve Nichols

Chief Nichols stated this was an agreement with Kno2 for transmission of patient care reports in the amount of \$2,960.00.

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

14. Roads: Prison Work Detail Agreement – GA Dept of Corrections

Randy Failyer

Randy Failyer Finance Officer stated this was an annual agreement for the prisoner work detail. He stated the contract had increased to \$49,318.00.

Motion to approve the contract: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

15. Public Transportation: CARES Act Funds Deployment & Amended Notice of Intent to Award Letter

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this was a recurring contract and normally the county has to provide partial funding of the public transportation program but according to the CARES Act operating and the new bus maybe fully funded.

Motion to ratify the chairman's signature: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Contract filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

16. FY2021 Property & Liability Insurance Policy Renewal

Regina Gailey

Jenni Gailey County Clerk stated the FY2021 Property and Liability Insurance Policy Renewal would be \$281,815.00 and covered the period from July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.

Motion to approve the policy renewal: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

17. Special Equipment for Sheriff Deputies

Comm. Reece stated the Sheriff's Office was in need of some protective equipment that would not exceed \$25,000.

Motion to approve the equipment and use funds from the Capital Fund not to exceed \$25,000: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

18. FY2021 Budget Resolution

Mr. Failyer stated this was a resolution to approve the FY2021 Budget in the amount of \$18,455,495.74.

Motion to approve the FY2021 Budget Resolution: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2) 2020-07

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
