

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex via Facebook Live.

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
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
Fire Chief Steve Nichols
Human Resource Officer Arlene Ivey
Public Utilities Director Horace Gee

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Ch. Turk stated Item #9 – Debris Monitoring Stand-by Contract should be deleted from the agenda.
Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Charles Turk
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated his mom always called him out on his shortcomings and so does his wife and children. He stated he lacked patience. In this day and time, we all need to practice patience.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: David Duckett
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 3/10

Motion to approve the minutes: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: - NONE

8. Proclamations:

a. Child Abuse Prevention Month – April

Ch. Hooper stated April was Child Abuse Prevention Month and read the attached proclamation.

Motion to approve the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

b. National Donate Life Month – April

Ch. Hooper said that he was an organ donor.

Motion to approve the proclamation for National Donate Life Month: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote; 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

9. DELETED FROM AGENDA

10. Sanitary Sewer Easement Abandonment – Hampton Inn at Banks Crossing **Horace Gee**

Public Utilities Director Horace Gee stated Mr. Patel the owner of Hampton Inn also owned more property beside the hotel and wanted to build another hotel but there was a sewer line easement there.

The owner stated the sewer line was not located there and asked to have the easement abandoned.

Mr. Gee worked with the owner and attorneys to have the easement abandoned.

Motion to abandon the sanitary sewer easement at the Hampton Inn at Banks Crossing: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. 2020 Propane Gas Bid Contract **Randy Failyer**

Finance Officer Randy Failyer stated four bids had been received for propane gas and the lowest bidder was Ferrell Gas at \$1.08/gallon.

Motion to approve the low bid: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement **Randy Failyer**

Mr. Failyer stated this was for the Public Defender's contract for Banks County in the amount of \$120,251. He stated this amount had already been budgeted for and the agreement was from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Motion to approve the contract: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

13. GDOT Speed Zone Ordinance

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker stated that the Sheriff's Office had asked GDOT to add additional roads to the speed zone ordinance.

Motion to approve the ordinance: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2) 2020-06

14. Fire/EMS SAFER Grant

Steve Nichols

Fire Chief Steve Nichols stated he needed the Commissioners approval for the grant. He stated the grant was for personnel and equipment.

Motion to approve the grant application: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

15. Banks County Purchasing Policy Addendum

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this was an addendum to the current policy adding required forms that need to be completed by new vendors.

Motion to approve the purchasing policy addendum: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

16. COVID-19 Actions – Hazardous Duty Pay

Arlene Ivey

Human Resource Officer Arlene Ivey stated she had received many of e-mails concerning hazardous duty pay for front-line employees due to COVID-19. Ms. Ivey stated that her proposal was for Fire/EMS and Road Deputies up to Sergeants to receive up to \$250 per pay period. Detention Officers and 911 Employees would receive up to \$150 per pay period. This pay would start with the 4/6/2020 pay period. Ms. Ivey stated she had compared this amount with larger cities and counties. Vice Ch. Turk stated the pay could be stopped at any time if the crisis ends or be renewed if it persists longer than anticipated. Ms. Ivey stated part-time employees pay rate would be prorated.

Motion to approve the Hazardous Duty Pay: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reese

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

17. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion to enter into executive session for personnel: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and executive session began at 6:54 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:20 p.m.
(Copy of Affidavit filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-2)

18. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
