

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

County Attorney Randall Frost
County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
Fire Chief Steve Nichols
Public Utilities Director Horace Gee

Media

Angela Gary, Banks County News
Rob Moore, Access North Georgia

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated the following items needed to be added to the agenda:

#7 – Youth Hunt

#15 – CSC, Scanning Project

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated he recently visited France and had the opportunity to go to Normandy and walked through the 1,000's of white markers where soldiers had given their life for freedom. He stated we should always cherish our freedom and our opportunity to vote.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 8/13, 8/27

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Youth Hunt

Benji Ward with Nails Creek Baptist Church Men's Ministry asked for permission to hold the Youth Hunt at Windmill Farms on November 29 and November 30, 2019.

Motion to approve the youth hunt: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

8. Utility Rates – Green Line Rates

Randy Failyer

Randy Failyer Finance Officer stated that Green Line Rates had approached him about a money savings plan for GA Power utility rates. Mr. Failyer stated they estimated our savings to be about \$15,000 in which the County would receive 50% and Green Line Rates would receive 50%.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-2)

9. Firefighter Equipment Purchase Request

Steve Nichols

Steve Nichols Fire Chief stated that at budget time he had requested turnout gear. He stated the quote to replace the gear he needed would be \$9,460.00.

Motion to replace the turnout gear and purchase from 2017 SPLOST funds: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Seoul Gardens Restaurant Beer & Wine Consumption

Paul Ruark

Paul Ruark Code Enforcement Officer stated Seoul Gardens were in compliance and recommended approval of the license.

Motion to approve the beer & wine consumption license: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Senior Center Nutrition Program Contract Addendum – Legacy Link

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated the addendum was for an existing contract for the food program at the Senior Center.

Motion to approve the addendum and authorize the Chairman to sign: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of addendum filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-2)

12. Roads & Bridges:

a. On-Call Engineering – KCI Technologies

Vice Ch. Duckett stated more hours needed to be added to KCI's contract for supervision of roads. He recommended increasing the contracts by a total of \$20,000.00. A portion needed to go to On-Call Engineering and a portion needed to be added to Road & Bridges Engineering.

Motion to add \$10,000 to On-Call Engineering and \$10,000 to Roads and Bridges and both will be paid from the Road and Bridges Fund: David Duckett

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Steven Tanger Boulevard Culvert Replacement

\$56,475.00

KCI Technologies

Vice Ch. Duckett stated that a bid was put out for the design plans to replace the culvert on Steven Tanger Blvd and KCI Technologies was the only bidder. The amount of the bid was \$56,475.00.

Motion to approve the bid and contract in the amount of \$56,475.00: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

c. Oscar Rucker Road Resurfacing Intergovernmental Agreement – City of Homer

Erin Decker Assistant County Clerk stated the intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Homer would be for reimbursement of funds to the County for resurfacing Oscar Rucker Road. The City will pay for 66% and the County would pay 34% of the total cost of resurfacing Oscar Rucker Road.

Motion to approve the agreement with the City of Homer: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

d. Oscar Rucker Rd resurfacing Bid & Contract Approval

Ms. Decker stated Pittman Construction was the low bidder with the amount of \$263,317.15. She stated the low bid and contract needed to be approved.

Motion to approve the low bid and the contract in the amount of \$263,317.15 to Pittman

Construction: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

13. Boards & Authorities:

a. Library Board Member Replacement

Ch. Hooper stated that Cindy Segars would have to be replaced.

Motion to appoint Lisa Enslen to the Library Board for the remainder of Cindy Segars term to expire 6/30/2022: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Georgia Mountain Community Board Replacement

Ch. Hooper stated Rita Bush resigned and a replacement would have to be found.

14. English Road Waterline

Comm. Maxwell stated that he would discuss the matter with Public Utilities Director Horace Gee and give a report at the next Commissioners meeting.

15. Clerk of Superior Court – Indexing Project

Timothy Harper, CSC

Tim Harper Clerk of Superior Court stated he would like to continue with the indexing and asked to borrow \$12,446.25 from the Capital fund and pay it back from fees he collects. This indexing project would have historical deeds and plats electronically indexed back to 1918.

Motion to allow Mr. Harper to borrow \$12,446.25 from the Capital Fund to index documents: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

16. Executive Session: Personnel & Potential Litigation

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and potential litigation: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 6:48 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 6:59 p.m.

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

17. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
