

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

County Clerk Regina Gailey
County Attorney Randall Frost
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Media

Rob Moore, Access North Georgia

1. Call to Order

Vice Ch. Duckett called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Charles Turk
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 4:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Pledge to the American Flag

Vice Ch. Duckett led the Pledge to the American Flag.

4. Public Comment: Senior Center Construction

Chris Ausburn

Mr. Ausburn stated concerns with flaws in material and workmanship on the Senior Center renovation by BM&K Construction. He stated he thought the Commissioners as stewards of the citizens tax dollars should review and refuse the project as complete and to call on the performance bond of the contractor. He said he believed the citizens would stand behind whatever had to be done to get this right. He also stated that protocol should be put into place to prevent this from happening again.

5. Appraisal Consulting & Review Assignment Request

Vickie Krieg

Chief Appraiser Vickie Krieg stated the Board of Tax Assessors recommended hiring a consultant – Knoblock & Associates, Inc. to assist in establishing Fair Market Value for a parcel currently under appeal that has a very high value in dispute. Because of the difference in the taxpayer value and the assessed value, they thought it would be best to hire an independent appraiser in efforts to better understand the difference since it is a very unique property.
Motion to approve the Knoblock & Associates, Inc. for the appraisal services: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 4:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. English Rd Waterline

Horace Gee

Public Utilities Director Horace Gee stated water service had been requested on English Rd. He stated there were 2 options:

1. Run the line approximately 2,500 ft from Free Drive to English Rd parallel to US441.
2. Run the line under US441 for about 300 ft. He stated in order to run the lines, it could require 6 to 9 months of design and permitting from GDOT because a bore would have to be done under US441. He said the projected cost according to Carter & Sloope Engineering could be as much as \$75,000 and up to a year to send out an RFP .

He stated there were 5 residents currently on the road and that it would take approximately 25 to 30 years to see a return on investment of the cost of the installation. Comm. Turk stated only 4 of the residents were currently interested in water service. Director Gee further stated due to the complexity of the install, it would not be cost effective.

Motion to deny the request for a waterline on English Rd: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 4-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Executive Session: Litigation

Motion to go into executive session at 6:42 p.m.: David Duckett

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 6:58 p.m.: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-2)*

Senior Center Contract

Motion to terminate the contract between Banks County and BM&K Construction, Inc. as of this date for the renovation of the Banks County Senior Center: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

Chairman

County Clerk
