

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their meeting on March 12, 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 Clerk Regina Gailey  
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker  
Finance Officer Randy Failyer  
Fire Chief Steve Nichols

**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 Item 8. Permit Fees needed to be deleted.

Motion to approve the agenda: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

**3. Moment of Reflection**

Ch. Hooper stated his heart went out to the McLendon family and the Mintz family during the loss of loved ones. He stated that Mark Twain said there are two things in life you can't change, and that was death and taxes. Ch. Hooper said he would like to add one thing to that, and that was change. You have to deal with change. Change was going to happen. Positive change was good. How are you going to handle change?

**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: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 2/12, 2/14, 2/26**

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

## **7. Planning Commission Recommendations:**

### **a. V-19-01 – Kimalea Mathis – Variance to reduce the required setbacks for a hen litter stack facility on property located at 832 Sims Harris Road, Gillsville**

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Attorney Frost opened the public hearing. Attorney Frost stated V-19-01 was a variance to reduce the required setbacks for a hen litter stack facility on property located at 832 Sims Harris Road, Gillsville. Planning Commission member Martha Ramsey stated the Planning Commission recommend approval.

Kim Mathis – 832 Sims Harris Road, Gillsville – Stated she was currently seeking a setback for a stackhouse. She stated it was USDA approved and would be 160 ft. from the property line. Ms. Mathis also stated she had a letter from Pat Harris an adjoining property owner stating that she had no problem with decreasing the setback for a stackhouse.

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

Motion to approve the variance: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)*

## **8. Building Permit Fees – Deleted**

## **9. Fire/EMS Ladder Truck Purchase – 2000 Sutphen**

**Steve Nichols**

Fire Chief Steve Nichols stated a ladder truck was needed for the new station at Baldwin. He stated he had found a 2000 Sutphen 95' Mid Mount Platform Ladder Truck for \$97,000.00.

Motion to purchase ladder truck in the amount of \$97,000.00 and to be paid from 2017 SPLOST: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

## **10. Purchasing**

**Randy Failyer**

### **a. Wastewater Treatment Additional Aerator**

**\$14,000**

Finance Officer Randy Failyer stated that an additional aerator was needed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility so the County doesn't get out of compliance. The estimated cost is \$14,000 and would be paid for from the 2017 SPLOST.

Motion to purchase the aerator and to be paid from the 2017 SPLOST funds: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

### **b. Wastewater Treatment Control Panel for Pump Station #2**

**\$17,915**

Mr. Failyer stated the control panel for Pump Station #2 would need to be replaced before the new aerator could be put in. The amount of the control panel was \$17,915 and should be paid for from the 2017 SPLOST funds.

Motion to purchase the control panel and paid for from 2017 SPLOST funds: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**c. 2017 Propane Gas Bid Award**

Mr. Failyer stated annually the price of propane was bid out. This year Amerigas had the low bid at \$1.24 per gallon.

Motion to approve the low bid from Amerigas in the amount of \$1.24 per gallon: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**d. Courthouse Cooling Tower Repair**

Mr. Failyer stated the cooling tower needed to be repaired at the Courthouse and the repairs would last for about 10 years. The total cost of the repairs was \$8,800.

Motion to approve the repairs: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**e. Code Enforcement Officer Vehicle**

Mr. Failyer stated the vehicle had already been earmarked for the 2017 SPLOST. The current vehicle that needs to be replaced will be put into use at the road department.

Motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle for Code Enforcement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**11. Roads & Bridges:**

**a. Bid Inv #308-4-219 Mountain Creek Drive – Award & Contract Approval**

The low bid was received from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$236,997.72.

Motion to approve the low bid from Stratton and Sons Construction and to approve the contract in the amount of \$236,997.72 and will be paid for from the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST:

Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)*

**b. Bid Inv #308-3-219 Hudson Valley Drive – Award & Contract Approval**

The low bid was received from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$59,351.60 and this will be paid for from FEMA Funds.

Motion to approve the low bid from Stratton and Sons Construction and to approve the contract in the amount of \$59,351.60: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)*

**c. Bid Inv #308-2-2019 Caudell Rd, Berlin Rd, Brewer Rd – Bid Award and Contract Approval**

The low bid was received from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$828,944.75 and will be paid for from the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST.

Motion to approve the low bid from Stratton and Sons Construction and to approve the contract in the amount of \$828,944.75 to be paid for from the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)*

**d. Bid Inv #308-1-2019 Brown Bridge Rd, Lord/Chambers Rd, Hudson River Drive – Award & Contract Approval**

The low bid was received from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$836,364.50 and will be paid for from the 2018 Transportation and Bridges SPLOST.

Motion to approve the low bid from Stratton and Sons Construction and to approve the contract in the amount of \$836,364.50 to be paid for from the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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**e. Purcell Road Engineering & Bid Advertisement**

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker stated this was approval for starting on the engineering and approval to advertise the bid for the Purcell Road curve re-alignment.

Motion to approve the engineering and bid advertisement for the Purcell Road curve re-alignment to be funded from the 2017 SPLOST: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**f. 2019 Gravel Contract List – 2018 Road & Bridges SPLOST**

Ms. Decker stated this was a list of roads that would be graveled this year and paid for out of the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST.

Motion to approve the gravel list to be paid from the 2018 Roads and Bridges SPLOST: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**g. 2019 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Safety Action Plan – Striping/Signage**

Ms. Decker stated she was asking for approval to proceed with a \$100,000.00 LMIG grant for signage and striping of county roads. The County would be required to match the grant funds by 30%.

Motion to approve the grant application: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**16. Adjournment**

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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