

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on November 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

County Attorney Randall Frost
County Clerk Regina Gailey
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
Personnel Officer Arlene Ivey
Public Utilities Director Steve Reece
Economic Developer Hannah Mullins

Media Present:

Banks County News Sharon Hogan
Access North Georgia Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

3. Economic Development Blueprint

Hannah Mullins

Ms. Mullins stated this was a recommendation by the Development Authority to hire Thomas Hutton Group to prepare the Banks County Economic Development Blueprint at a cost of \$92,700. She stated this would be offset by a 50/50 match grant recently awarded to Banks County. She also stated Thomas and Hutton was the only group that answered all the requests on the RFQ/RFP. Ms. Gailey stated this was for the approval of Thomas and Hutton agreement for services as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement pending the county attorney's approval. Motion for the approval of the agreement with Thomas and Hutton as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement pending the county attorney's approval: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

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

4. Economic Disaster Relief Grant Application

Ms. Mullins stated this was a grant in the amount of \$4,870,000 with a 20% match of \$974,000 by Banks County. She stated the grant would be used for running Sewer lines up US441 from the Racetrack Sewage plant into Homer. Ms. Gailey stated this was for the approval and submittal of the application, to approve the 20% match as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the application. Motion for the approval and submittal of the application, to approve the 20% match as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the application:

Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

5. 2018 Service Delivery Strategy Agreement

Ms. Gailey stated this was a 10 year update and a meeting had been held with the cities and Georgia Mountains Regional Commission concerning service areas. She stated this was for the approval and submittal of the agreement as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion for the approval and submittal of the agreement as well as authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

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

6. Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition/Disposal

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation & personnel at 4:12 p.m.:

Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

Motion to come out of the executive session at 4:51 p.m.: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried. ***(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)***

Personnel:

Motion to terminate Public Utilities Director Steve Reece for cause: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

Motion to appoint Water Plant Manager Andrew Strickland as interim Public Utilities Director for 90 days: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

7. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
