

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 12, 2018 at 6:30 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

Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey
County Attorney Randall Frost
Public Utilities Director Steve Reece
Tax Commissioner Becky Carlan

Media Present

Access North Georgia - Rob Moore
Banks County News – Sharon Hogan

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to delete “17. Phone System Maintenance & Equipment: \$8,560 – GCI Broadband”: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper gave statistics that in the United States 90% of African Americans, 35% White Americans make up households where dads are not in the home. He also stated 35% of Banks County households consist of a single parent. He stressed that Dads need to step up and raise their children.

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 Minutes – 5/8, 5/22, 5/24

Motion to approve the minutes: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Lake Forest Drive

Donna Gee

Donna Gee of Cobb Investments stated they had spent approximately \$30,000 on improvements of the road and asked that the county take on the maintenance of the road. She stated there was a handicapped child at the end that needed the school bus to pick them up. Comm. Duckett stated the work that had been done was good and that there were approximately 27 residences on the road. Vice Ch. Reece stated the milling currently on the road may prevent the road from being scraped and that the milling would have to be removed. Comm. Turk agreed and also stated the size of the cul-de-sac would be a problem to accommodate a school bus. He stated it would have to be 80 ft. Vice Ch. Reece stated driveway pipes must be installed especially on the right side of the road. He further stated that taxpayers' money should not be spent on fixing the road and that repairs should be made before the county assumes responsibility. Comm. Turk reiterated that the cul-de-sac had to be 80 ft. Comm. Maxwell stated Road Superintendent Wayne Andrews stated the current cul-de-sac would be sufficient. Motion to accept the road for county maintenance: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 3-2

Hooper: Aye

Reece: Nay

Duckett: Aye

Maxwell: Aye

Turk: Nay

Motion passed by majority vote.

9. Jack Drive Waterline

Fred Wade

Mr. Wade stated he had been serving the residents with a spring and that he no longer felt comfortable with providing the water. He asked if the county would run the line to 8 or 9 landowners. Public Utilities Director Steve Reece stated the line would be an approximately 1,500 ft. - 2" line for approximately \$10,000. Mr. Wade stated 7 landowners had already agreed to tap on with a meter and that he would stop the spring water once the line was installed. Ch. Hooper stated the spring water would need to stop to all landowners once the county water line is installed. All members agreed. Director Reece stated the applications must be by landowners and not tenants.

Motion to approve the waterline with the condition that all landowners tap on to the line with a meter and all landowners would be required to sign an easement for the waterline: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Recreation Programs Update

Brooke Whitmire

Ms. Whitmire gave the following report on programs:

Second year on new fields – holding up well

6 adult softball teams

May: Pickle Ball Clinics

June: Dizzy Dean Softball Tournament

June: Pottery Festival

June & July: Summer Camps

Football & Fall Sports – over 400 participants

Open Gym: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sheriff Department Training in gyms

Ch. Hooper asked about the need for All Stars. Ms. Whitmire stated it had caused some problems in the past and stated some counties hold end of season tournaments. She further stated that would include all players instead of a select few. All Commissioner agreed that would be the best route to take. Ms. Whitmire stated participants completed a survey that did show they are also interested in end of season tournaments.

11. Tax Commissioner to Undertake Judicial In REM Tax Foreclosures Resolution

Becky Carlan

Ms. Carlan stated this resolution would give her authority to sell any delinquent foreclosed mobile homes.

Motion to approve the resolution: 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) 2018-08

12. Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Code Amending Ordinance

Ms. Gailey stated this ordinance was to amend an existing ordinance and to provide for a new effective date as required by EPD.

Motion to approve the ordinance: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of ordinance filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1) 2018-09

13. EDA Grant for Public Facilities – Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Contract Amendment

Ms. Gailey stated this was an extension to the existing contract.

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

14. FY2018 Continuing Operation of Banks County, Georgia, Pending Adoption of the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget *Randy Failyer*

Mr. Failyer stated this was to continue operation until the FY2019 budget is approved beyond July 1, 2018. The expiration date would be August 31, 2018.

Motion to approve the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1) 2018-10

15. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Member Appointment

Ch. Hooper stated after 10 years of service Leslie George was retiring from the board effective July 1, 2018. He expressed appreciation for her service and then stated Vicki Boling Leo had expressed interest in the position.

Motion to appoint Ms. Leo for a one year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

16. Telephone Conversion Invoice: \$6,425 – Gunby Communications

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer recommended paying the invoice from the Capital Fund.

Motion to pay the invoice from the Capital Fund: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

**17. Phone System Maintenance & Equipment: \$8,560 – GCI Broadband
- DELETED –**

18. FY2019 Services Commitment Letter – Legacy Link

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this was an annual commitment of \$10,454.

Motion to approve the commitment letter: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

19. FY2019 ACCG-IRMA Insurance Renewal

\$218,290

Mr. Failyer stated this expense was approved during budget meetings and was in the amount of \$218,290.

Motion to approve the renewal: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

20. Executive Session: Potential Litigation

Motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 7:05 p.m.: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:12 p.m.: Sammy Reece

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion passed.

21. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
