

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called worksession/meeting on May 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.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 Clerk Regina Gailey  
Finance Officer Randy Failyer  
Personnel Officer Arlene Ivey

Media Present:

Access North GA Rob Moore  
Banks County News Angela Gary

**1. Call to Order**

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

**2. FY2019 Budget**

Department budgets were discussed as follows:

**Sheriff/Jail**

*Sheriff Carlton Speed*

Sheriff Speed stated the jail would need enlarging soon and advised that plans be in place for the expansion.

- Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson stated they were requesting 2 additional Detention Officers.
- He requested that the Sheriff's salary be increased to \$78,400.
- Chief Wilson also stated they had requested 2 additional Deputies and a \$2,000/year raise per Deputy.

Comm. Turk asked if additional overtime would delete the need for additional personnel. Sheriff Speed stated scheduling and availability was a problem and stated in the long run additional personnel would be best.

Ch. Hooper stated concerns with the justification of an increase in the Sheriff's budget in 2013 - \$2,920,000 to 2019 proposed \$4,861,000.

Commissioners reached the following consensus:

- Sheriff Salary: \$78,445
- Chief Deputy Salary: \$65,000
- 2 additional jailors: \$150,000 - \$200,000
- Decrease Overtime to \$10,000
- Deputy Salaries: \$2,000 yearly increase
- Terminus Officer: \$5,000 yearly increase

### **Roads & Bridges**

Comm. Turk stated since the Roads & Bridges Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax had passed, the allowable projects included in the budget could and should be cut in half.

### **Human Resources**

Comm. Turk stated Ms. Ivey had attained certification which resulted in a \$1,200 yearly raise in her salary.

### **Fire/EMS**

Commissioners reached a consensus to not add any new personnel but agreed to the following pay increases:

- Fulltime Paramedic: 7%
- Fulltime EMT: 5%
- New Hire Paramedic: 5%
- New Hire EMT: 3%

Total plus benefits: \$106,500

### **Clerk of Superior**

Commissioners reached the following consensus:

- Add part time clerk at \$14,500 per year

### **Department of Family & Children Services**

- Request that the budget remain at \$12,000
- Commissioners Reece & Turk asked for justification

### **Revenues**

Ch. Hooper called for a recess at 11:08 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

### **Superior Court**

*Steven Nevels*

Court Administrator Nevels stated he had requested an Administrative Assistant at approximately \$4,900 for the Banks County portion. He stated this would be to assist him in the whole Piedmont Judicial Circuit. Comm. Turk stated concerns with there being little or no presence in Banks County. He further stated most of the time was spent in Jackson or Barrow County. Ch. Hooper stated the Sheriff had stated they had approximately 700 warrants to serve but could not get trial dates for prosecution. Judge Joe Booth stated that was absurd and that they had no control over the District Attorney's office. Comm. Reece stated it was mainly the District Attorney's problem. Judge Booth stated the judges assigned as much court as necessary but that some criminals just needed to stay incarcerated. He also stated that was not from a lack of scheduled hearings. Ch. Hooper stated if things did not improve with the District Attorney within the Piedmont Circuit, a move may be reconsidered.

Commissioners reached the following consensus:

- Add part time Administrative Assistant at \$4,872 per year.

### 3. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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