

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on February 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

### **Members Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark  
County Clerk Regina Gailey  
Fire Chief Steve Nichols  
County Attorney Randall Frost

### **Media Present**

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

Ch. Hooper announced that a survey concerning the 2018 Comprehensive Plan is on the website for all who wishes to participate.

### **1. Call to Order**

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to amend the agenda to add “4. *Health Insurance*”: Sammy Reece  
Second: Charles Turk  
Vote: 5:0  
All aye votes and motion passed.

### **3. Call for an Election: 2018 Road & Bridge Transportation Sales Tax**

Ch. Hooper stated the intergovernmental agreement with all cities had been approved and received from all and that there would be a public meeting soon to present all projects to be included in the tax. Motion to approve the call for the election for the 2018 Road & Bridge Transportation Sales Tax resolution: David Duckett  
Second: Sammy Reece  
Vote: 5:0  
All aye votes and motion passed.

*(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9) 2018-05*

### **4. Health Insurance**

Ch. Hooper stated that Commissioners were stewards of the taxpayers’ money and that in FY2018 \$1,365,000 was spent on health insurance premiums. He also stated \$665,000 was paid out in claims in 2017. He said some surrounding counties are self-insured in which a pool of money was set aside to

cover health care. He stated a pool of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 would be necessary. He stated a company would handle any catastrophic claims that exceed \$100,000. He then asked the Commissioners to consider this option going forward. Comm. Turk stated he would like to consider a health savings plan for those who may not use the insurance on a regular basis.

## **5. Adjournment**

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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