

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

County Attorney Randall Frost
County Clerk Regina Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
911/EMA Director Deidra Moore

Media Present

Mainstreet News – Angie Gary
Access North Georgia – Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated two items needed to be added to the agenda. Item 8: Economic Development Blueprint Project Grant Memo of Understanding Ratification and Item: 12 Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition.

Motion to amend and approve the agenda: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper asked what is wrong with our world because he was concerned with all the shootings and mass killings that have happened. He said the fix of these problems would have to be on an individual basis. One family, one neighborhood, one state and one nation. He said we all need to follow the Ten Commandments and the world would be a better place.

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: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 9/26

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Economic Development Blueprint Project Grant Memo of Understanding Ratification

Motion to approve the MOU: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of MOU filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

9. Piedmont Judicial Circuit

Judge David Motes

Chief Judge David Motes of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit stated he was there for one purpose and that was to tell the Commissioners that he thought it would not be in the best interest of the citizens of Banks County and the State of Georgia for Banks County to divorce the Piedmont Judicial Circuit. He stated the process could be very expensive. Judge Motes stated there were many advantages to being in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit and he thought the Judges should be heard before Banks County made their final decision to move out of the Piedmont Circuit.

10. E911 Recorder Bid Award

Deidra Moore

911/EMA Director Deidra Moore stated the recorder system they have now is obsolete and she had received bids on replacing the system. She stated Gunby Communications was the low bidder of \$41,680.

Motion to award the low bid to Gunby Communications in the amount of \$41,680: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Boards & Authorities:

a. Industrial Building Authority – 5 year term

Motion to reappoint Jonathan Bennett to a 5 year term to the Industrial Building Authority:

Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Industrial Building Authority – 5 year term

Motion to reappoint Jimmy Morrison to a 5 year term to the Industrial Building Authority:

Motion: Sammy Reece

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

c. Industrial Building Authority – 5 year term

Motion to reappoint Larry Sparks to a 5 year term to the Industrial Building Authority: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

d. Joint Development Authority – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Todd Hubbard to a 4 year term to the Joint Development Authority: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

e. Development Authority – remainder of 4 year term – expiration 2/28/2019

No action taken.

12. Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and land acquisition: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 6:40 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:13 p.m.

(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

Fire Station 41 Land Purchase

Motion to purchase 2 acres for Fire Station 41 from the Harold Pritchett Estate in the amount of \$10,000 per acre: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Brad Day Resignation

Motion to except the resignation of Brad Day effective October 24, 2017: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
