

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on June 13, 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 Clerk Regina Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Media Present

Mainstreet News – Sharon Hogan
Access North Georgia - Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated Item 7 – Recognition: Kim McEntire CPRP Certification needed to be deleted and changed to Item 7 – 2017 Continuing Resolution and also add Personnel to the Executive Session.

Motion to amend and approve the agenda: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated there were lots of things the Commissioners didn't have in common but the one thing they had in common was being a father. He stated Father's Day was a day fathers needed to be celebrated.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 5/4, 5/9, 5/11, 5/12, 5/18

Motion to approve the previous minutes: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. FY2017 Continuing Resolution

Randy Failyer Finance Officer stated this resolution was to authorize Banks County to continue its normal operation on and after July 1, 2017; to expend public funds, to collect public revenues, and to perform all public functions and to provide for all public services as are authorized by the Constitution of the State of Georgia. Mr. Failyer stated this resolution would expire on August 31, 2017 or upon the adoption of the FY2018 budget, whichever came first.

Motion to approve the resolution: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-04

8. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. Amendment to County Code Article IX C-2 General Commercial Section 903 Conditional Use to define Hotels/Motels

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting. Paul Ruark Zoning Officer stated the resolution that the Planning Commission were recommending was an update to the County Code. He stated these changes and amendments would provide guidelines for construction and operation of the hotels and motels.

County Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated this was an Amendment to Article IX C-2 General Commercial Section 903 Conditional Uses to define hotels/motels. Officer Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Motion to approve the amendment to County Code: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-05

b. Amendment of County Code Addition of Article XXIII Hotels/Motels

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting. Atty. Frost opened the public hearing and stated that it was for an Amendment of County Code Addition of Article XXIII Hotels/Motels. Officer Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment. Atty. Frost closed the public hearing. Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the amendment to County Code: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-06

c. Amendment to County Code Addition of Article XXII Extended Stay Hotels/Motels

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting. Atty. Frost opened the public hearing and stated that it was for an Amendment of County Code Addition of Article XXII Hotels/Motels. Officer Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment. Atty. Frost closed the public hearing. Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the amendment to County Code: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-07

9. Public Comment: SPLOST Capital Projects

Sam Moon

Sam Moon stated he would like to comment about the Registrar's Office, Public Library and the Civic Center.

Civic Center: He stated he would like the Commissioners to consider that a neighboring city twice the size of Banks County just sold their Civic Center to Brenau University. He stated the need was not here yet in Banks County.

Library

Mr. Moon stated for two years the library has been on the SPLOST fund for improvements and they still haven't been made. In two years, its time to move forward.

Registrars

Mr. Moon stated they had been promised a room for training and it's long overdue. Also he stated the County needed to consider moving the election sites to one place, which should be the Recreation Center. He stated this would help alleviate confusion of where people voted and would also separate church and state by not holding elections at churches. He stated it would also save money.

10. Fire/EMS:

a. Smoke Alarm Install Fundraiser

Steve Nichols

Fire Chief Steve Nichols stated Banks Co Fire/EMS and Red Cross had partnered together to install smoke alarms in residential homes in the County, especially for people that can't afford them. Chief Nichols stated this was a major undertaking and they were looking forward to serving the citizens of Banks County. He thought originally they would be able to supply 400 – 450 smoke alarms, but now Red Cross is only going to be able to supply about 250. Chief Nichols stated he was asking for permission to hold fund raisers between now and September to earn about \$500 - \$1000 for smoke detectors.

Motion to allow permission to hold fundraisers: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. 2017 Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award

Chief Nichols stated the Banks Co Fire/EMS had been awarded the 2017 Mission Lifeline EMS Silver Award. He stated this award was for the agencies top performance of Cardiac Care.

c. Ambulance Replacement

Chief Nichols stated an ambulance needed to be replaced because of a prior accident. He stated they had found a 2017 Dodge 4x4 Ambulance from EVS in the amount of \$184,663. Mr. Failyer stated this would be paid by the insurance payment and the remainder of the funds would be out of the 2012 SPLOST account.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Ambulance not to exceed \$185,000: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. E911/EMA:

a. Damage Assessment Software: Orion

Deidra Moore

911/EMA Director Deidra Moore stated Orion offers damage assessment software. Ms. Moore stated when applying for FEMA funds after a disaster it is a very tedious process with stacks and stacks of paperwork to be processed. She stated Orion's software is programed in a form that FEMA likes and also it has been proven to have a higher return of funds because there is less chance of error. She stated that it could be paid out of EMA grant money for the first year in the amount of \$2,225. Comm. Turk stated it was not used very often so it really wasn't worth it to him.

Motion to approve the cost of the Orion Software for one year and revisit the next budget year:

Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 4:1

Charles Turk: Nay

Sammy Reece: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Aye

David Duckett: Aye

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

Majority vote and the motion passed.

b. Radio Equipment Surplus

Ms. Moore stated there were 618 pieces of old outdated radio/communication equipment that needed to be added to the surplus list.

Motion to surplus the equipment: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of surplus list filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

c. FY2018 E911 Maintenance Contract: Gunby Communications - \$106,284.

Ms. Moore stated the annual maintenance contract was already in the budget she just needs the Commissioners to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract pending the County Attorney approval.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the maintenance contract pending Attorney approval:

Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

12. Contract & Agreements:

a. Courthouse Security Contract: Point Security \$3,950 – Term: 5/8/2017 – 5/7/2018

Mr. Failyer stated this contract was for the x-ray machine.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

b. FY2018 GADOC Prisoner Detail Agreement - \$39,500

Mr. Failyer stated the agreement amount was in the budget. The agreement term is July 2017 – June 2018.

Motion to approve the agreement: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

c. FY2018 CSRA Probation Services, Inc. Agreement

Mr. Failyer stated the probation office in Probate Court has been taken out of the budget. He stated this probation agreement will not cost the County. The agreement term is July 2017 – June 2018.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

d. FY2018 Tates Creek Fire Services Contract - \$3,000

Mr. Failyer stated this was an existing contract and just needed renewed. The contract term is July 2017 – June 2018.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

e. Alto Water Purchase/Sell Agreement

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated there was already an agreement in place with the cities and the only thing that had changed was an auto-renewing contract with a 30 day out clause was added.

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

f. Commerce Water Purchase Agreement

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

g. Homer Water Sell Agreement

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

h. Maysville Water Sell Agreement

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

13. Boards and Authorities:

a. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board: 1 year term

Comm. Maxwell stated he would be willing to continue to serve.

Motion to appoint Danny Maxwell to the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission Board for a 1 year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 4:0

Comm. Maxwell abstained

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board: 1 year term

Motion to appoint Leslie George to the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission Board for a 1 year term:

Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

c. Board of Elections: 4 year term

Motion to appoint Lynn Lewallen for a 4 year term to the Board of Elections: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

d. Behavioral & Developmental Disabilities Board: 3 year term

Motion to appoint Dr. Melanie Stancil to the Behavioral & Developmental Disabilities Board for a 3 year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

e. Department of Family & Children Services Board: 5 year term

Motion to appoint Brenda Sullivan to the Department of Family & Children Services Board for a 5 year term: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

f. Zoning Appeals Board: 4 year term

Motion to appoint Richard Cochran to the Zoning & Appeals Board for a 4 year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

14. Courthouse LED Pole Lights

Ch. Hooper stated that more research needed to be done before a decision could be made.

Motion to table the item until the July 11, 2017 meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

15. Industrial Park Dewatering – Griffin Brothers, Inc. - \$113,467.80

Steve Reece

Public Utilities Director Steve Reece stated the #1 Pond at Industrial Park had never been cleaned out. Griffin Brothers, the same company that cleaned out the Racetrack ponds did a good job and he would recommend them to clean out Pond #1 in the amount of \$113,467.80.

Motion to approve the cleanout: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

16. Executive Session: Land Acquisition/Disposal & Personnel

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition/disposal and personnel: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

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

Motion to close the executive session: David Duckett
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:40 p.m.
(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

New Fire Station – Grace Point

Motion to authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to pursue buying land at Grace Point for the future building of a new fire station in that area: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

RGLH – Sonic Condemnation

Motion to pass resolution for the condemnation of Sonic Property for right-of-way at Faulkner Road:
Jimmy Hooper
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.
(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-08

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: David Duckett
Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
