

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on November 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Attorney Randall Frost
Fire/EMS Captain Scottie Mathis

Media Present

Mainstreet News – Angela Gary
Access North Georgia, Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated Item 10d. Internet Services Contract/Bid Waiver – Gunby Communications needed to be deleted and replaced with Item 10d. Garrison Rd Water Service Agreement – Lula.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated this was Election Day and regardless of who wins or loses, tomorrow we need to work toward unity. Ch. Hooper stated the only thing that will bring our Country back to unity was the family unit.

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 Minutes – 10/11

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Hotel Motel

Scott Ledford, Development Authority Chairman stated they were proposing a 3% increase in the Hotel/Motel tax for the purpose of funding a Civic/Event Center. He stated this would create additional revenue in the amount of \$300,000 a year. Mr. Ledford stated this increase would not affect our community, but in a positive way. It would provide a place for award banquets, ceremonies and for outside businesses to come in to hold events in our community. This will in turn provide economic impact at the Banks Crossing Interchange. Ch. Ledford stated surrounding governments also collected an 8% Hotel/Motel Tax.

Comm. Maxwell stated he was concerned about the safety issue the Civic Center would cause with the increased traffic flow in an area that was already dangerous. Ch. Ledford stated we needed to look at the time tables because there would not even be any tax collection for at least 9 months.

Vice Chairman Turk stated money would at least need to be collected for three years before the building is started and hopefully the road would be built by then.

Ch. Hooper stated the question before us was to approve the resolution to increase the Hotel/Motel Tax from 5% to 8%. Ch. Turk stated the 3% increase tax amount should be earmarked for the Civic Center.

Comm. Duckett stated in his opinion the road needs to be in place before the building is built. Ch. Ledford stated if this is not acted on now, then it would be another year at least before it could be voted on again.

Motion to approve the Hotel/Motel tax increase in the amount of 3%: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2016-17

9. Fire/EMS

a. Volunteer Fireman Boot Drive – Saturday, November 26, 2016

Vice Chairman Turk stated the Banks County Fire Department wanted to have a volunteer boot drive on Saturday, November 26, 2016. He stated they would not be on the D.O.T. right-of-way.

Motion to approve the Boot Drive at Banks Crossing: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. US Forestry Service Grant – Turnout Gear - \$5,000

Captain Scottie Mathis stated he was asking permission to apply for a matching grant through the U.S. Forestry Service. He stated the grant was a matching grant for \$5,000 and the funds would be used to purchase 5 or 6 more sets of turnout gear.

Motion to approve the grant application: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

c. FY2017 Tates Creek Fire Contract - \$3,000

Ch. Hooper stated this was a renewal contract.

Motion to approve the contract for FY2017 in the amount of \$3,000: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The term of the contract is July 2016 – June 2017.

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

10. Contracts & Agreements:

a. 2016 LMIG/OSSP Project Bid & Contract Award

Erin Decker, Assistant County Clerk stated bids were received for the 2016 LMIG/OSSP Project. The low bidder was Parker Traffic Markings, Inc. with the low bid amount of \$143,297.10. Ms. Decker stated she was asking for approval of the low bid and the contract.

Motion to approve the low bid and the contract: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

b. Pest Control Services – add full time fire stations – Arrow Pest Control Services

Ms. Decker stated that four full-time stations did not have pest control. The total amount of service is \$1,220 per year for Station 21, 22, 31 & 41.

Motion to approve the pest control agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

c. Indigent Defense Contract - \$120,507

Randy Failyer, Finance Officer stated this contract was a renewal contract that includes juvenile court. He stated the contract is on a calendar year and will be from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

d. Garrison Road Water Service Agreement – Lula

Ch. Hooper stated that Lula would take over the waterline on Garrison Road and this would improve their pressure by about three times the amount and improve their fire protection. Vice Ch. Turk stated that the City of Lula had already approved the agreement and Jenni Gailey County Clerk stated this would be reflected in the Service Delivery Strategy.

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

e. Windmill Park Concession Roof Warranty Agreement

Vice Ch. Turk stated this agreement was for a 20 year warranty for the roof of the Concession Building at the Windmill Park Sports Complex.

Motion to approve the warranty agreement: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Danny Maxwell

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
