

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 13, 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
E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore

Media Present

Mainstreet News – Angela Gary

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated 13 d. Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Permit Agreement needed to be added to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated that Ralph White had passed away and Banks County had lost a true hero because of his service as an educator in the County.

Ch. Hooper also stated that he had a problem with professional athletes that make millions of dollars but refused to Pledge Allegiance to the United States.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of the Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 8/9, 8/23

Motion to approve the previous minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition/Disposal

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

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and executive session began at 6:36 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 7:10 p.m.

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

Motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Robert Wilkins: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

9. Banks County Mentoring Program

Tressa Dodd

Ms. Tressa Dodd, Banks County Middle School Counselor asked the Commissioners to support the mentor program by giving the employees an opportunity to be a mentor for students at Banks County Middle School.

10. Annual Windmill Farm Youth Hunt

Thomas Dalton

Mr. Thomas Dalton, member of Nails Creek Baptist Church stated he was here to ask permission to have the Youth Deer Hunt. He stated this hunt would be a joint venture with Nails Creek Baptist Church and the GA Department of Natural Resources and would be held on November 25 & 26, 2016 at Windmill Farms.

Motion to approve the hunt: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. City of Maysville Property Tax Collection Services

Tax Comm. Becky Carlan

Ms. Becky Carlan, Banks County Tax Commissioner stated the City of Maysville had contacted her about collecting city taxes. Ms. Carlan stated that the City taxes would be due at the same time as the County taxes and there would also be a collection fee collected from the City.

Motion to approve the City of Maysville Tax Collection: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)*

12. Parks & Recreation

Brooke Whitmire

a. Facilities Use Contract & Fees

Ms. Brooke Whitmire, Director of Banks County Parks and Recreation presented facility use form and fees for the Windmill Park Sports Complex and also stated the fee amount was comparable to other counties.

Motion to approve the fee schedule: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. 2016 Trails Grant - Resolution

Ms. Whitmire stated she would like to apply for the GA DNR Trails Grant. Ms. Whitmire stated the grant is for \$100,000 and the County is required to have a 20% match.

Motion to apply for the trails grant and approve the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2016-13

13. Contracts & Agreements:

a. County Government Internet Services Proposal/Contract: Gunby Communications

Motion to table the internet service proposal until the next meeting: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Personal Property Verification Program Contract Renewal

This agreement is just a contract renewal for Traylor Business Services for Personal Property.

The term of the contract is for a twelve month period from September 16, 2016 through September 15, 2017.

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

c. City of Toccoa Water Purchase Agreement

Steve Reece

Mr. Steve Reece, Public Utilities Director stated the agreement was for 240,000 gallons per day for the next five years.

Motion to approve the agreement with the City of Toccoa upon the approval of the County

Attorney: 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)

d. City of Homer Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Permit Agreement Termination

Jenni Gailey, County Clerk stated in 2007 Banks County approved an agreement with the City of Homer to do their Soil Erosion & Sedimentation inspections. Stoney Harness, Banks County Building Inspector was doing the inspections and now the City of Homer has someone that does the inspections and are not in need of the County anymore. Ms. Gailey stated there was a sixty day notice to be given to Homer before the agreement can be terminated.

Motion to terminate the agreement: Sammy Reece

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

14. Resolutions:

a. Sunday Package Sales by Retailers of Malt Beverages and Wine Co. Atty. Randall Frost

Randall Frost, County Attorney presented a resolution that stated "A Resolution authorizing the question of whether or not the Board of Commissioners of Banks County shall be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of both malt beverages and wine on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to be submitted to the voters to be voted upon in the November 8, 2016, General Election; to provide for an effective date and to repeal conflicting ordinances and resolutions, and for other purposes."

Motion to approve the resolution: Danny Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2016-14

b. Resolution to Establish the Criteria for Setting Maximum Speed Limits on Roads

Ms. Erin Decker, Assistant County Clerk stated the resolution was to establish the criteria for setting maximum speed limits on roads in Banks County.

Motion to approve the resolution: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2016-15

15. Wright's Mill Rd Bridge Replacement Authorization

Ms. Decker stated she was asking for permission to send a letter to GDOT asking for funds to replace a single lane bridge on Wrights Mill Road. The County would be responsible for acquiring the rights-of-way and relocating any utilities.

Motion to approve the request: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

16. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
