

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 23, 2015 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

Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Public Utilities Director Steve Reece
E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore

Media Present

Banks County 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 9. County Facilities Grass Cutting Agreement – Sheriff’s Department”* needed to be removed from the agenda. He also stated that *“8. Windmill Park – Hayes/James Geotechnical Services Proposal – Southern Geotechnical Consultants”* and *“10. Adult Entertainment Moratorium Extension Resolution”* needed to be added to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated in light of Father’s Day he mentioned many men in his life who were models for him to look to as he grew up.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Public Utilities: Bushville Rd Water Line request

*Robert Greer, Phillip Baird,
Tom Demitroff*

Mr. Greer stated they were requesting a 6” water line with a hydrant. He further stated commitments were already for 4 taps and possibly 3 more in the near future. Mr. Baird offered the land for the water line. Mr. Reece stated the cost for a 4” line for approximately 2,100 ft would be \$17,305. He also said if

a 6" line was run the cost would be \$40,802.99. He stated it would be plastic pipe from Hwy 164 to the end of Bushville Rd. Ch. Hooper stated he had no problem with a 2" or even a 4" but asked if the property owners would be interested in paying for the cost beyond the 4" cost of \$17,305 in order to get a 6". Vice Ch. Turk stated the county could possibly run the 6" as far as the \$17,305 would go and run 2" the remainder of the way at the property owners' expense.

Motion to table the request until the July 14, 2015 meeting to allow for further research: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

6. E911/EMA:

a. Maintenance Contract – Gunby Communications

Ms. Moore stated this was an equipment maintenance contract renewal in the amount of \$68,034.

Motion to approve the contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract: Charles Turk
Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)*

b. Banks Crossing Tornado Siren Replacement request

Ms. Moore stated the siren was no longer working and had been removed from the maintenance contract. The replacement cost would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The Commissioners agreed not to replace the siren at this time. Ch. Hooper stated he felt Reverse 911 was more important at this time.

c. Hazard Mitigation Grant

Ms. Moore stated she would like to apply for a \$95,000 to \$100,000 grant that would require a 25% match and the state would cover 10% cost share of that leaving a net match of 15% for the county. The grant would cover an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan, generators, weather radios and Reverse 911. She did point out however that the Reverse 911 would have recurring yearly costs.

Motion to authorize Ms. Moore to apply for the grant: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Windmill Park Sports Complex Construction Contract Ratification

Scroggs & Grizzel

Ms. Gailey stated the motion would be to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Windmill Park Sports Complex with Scroggs & Grizzel and the Notice to Proceed. The County Attorney had reviewed and approved the contract.

Motion to ratify the document signatures: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)*

8. Windmill Park – Hayes|James Geotechnical Services Proposal Recommendation *Southern
Geotechnical Consultants*

Ms. Gailey stated this was for Geotechnical testing on the property. Hayes|James had requested proposals and recommended Southern Geotechnical Consultants at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$28,806.

Motion to approve the project proposal and the contractor: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of proposal filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)*

9. FY2016 ACCG-IRMA Liability Insurance Renewal

Ms. Gailey stated this was a renewal maintaining the \$1,000,000 liability limit at a premium of \$176,103.

Motion to approve the policy: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

10. Adult Entertainment Moratorium Extension Resolution

Ch. Hooper stated the County Attorney had requested another 180 day extension to the moratorium.

Motion to approve the resolution: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7) 2015-11*

11. Executive Session – Land Acquisition & Personnel

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 6:48 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:25 p.m.

(Copy of executive session affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)

Fort Lamar Proposed Elevated Water Tank Location

Motion to proceed with testing on a proposed location for an elevated water tank: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

12. Code Enforcement Officer Position

Motion to hire Paul Ruark as Code Enforcement Officer and to change the position to a department head at a salary of \$35,360: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
