

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 28, 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

Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Community - Economic Developer Brad Day
H/R – Personnel Officer Arlene Ivey

Media Present

Banks County 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 9. Vehicle Request needed to be removed and “Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Plan” be added in its place.

Motion to approve the agenda: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated in the last 6 weeks he had been yelled at, cursed at and threatened but he was not the only commissioner that had been threatened. He also had a brother commissioner that was verbally assaulted and cursed at in front of his grandchildren. He stated he had received an anonymous phone call at his home that basically said his moments of reflection have been offensive. Mr. Hooper stated he wanted it to be known that he has not purposely tried to offend any board member or anyone in the community.

Motion that Ch. Hooper be allowed to do a moment of reflection: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Public Comment: Georgia State Patrol

Gary Clark

Mr. Clark stated he would like the Commissioners to consider this vote for the Georgia State Patrol post for the citizens of Banks County. This had been presented to the Commissioners over the last couple of weeks. Mr. Clark stated the need for additional law enforcement presence in the County, especially at the Banks Crossing area.

6. Debris Management

Deidra Moore

Ms. Moore stated a company had given an estimate of \$500,000 to \$700,000 to clean-up debris along the roadways from the ice storm. She requested that the Commissioners decide if they want to bid out the clean-up or get a chipper and let the road department complete the cleanup.

There was no action at that time.

7. Public Utilities:

Steve Reece

a. Water Line Use on Woody Street

Steve Reece Utilities Director stated there were three options for supplying water on Woody Street.

***Option 1:** It would cost the County \$55,000. to install a 6" waterline with fire hydrants to the chicken houses.*

***Option 2:** It would cost Ms. Lee \$14,520 to install a 2" waterline that she would own.*

***Option 3:** Run a 4" waterline and put the meter at the chicken house. The County would pay \$12,000 and Ms. Lee would pay \$12,000. The County would pick up three customers but Ms. Lee would not have fire protection.*

Motion to approve Option 2: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Lift Station Grinders Bid Award & Contract

Steve Reece

Mr. Reece stated the low bid for the grinders at Lift Station 1 & 3 was in the amount of \$118,035 from Griffin Brothers Inc. He stated he needed the Commissioners to approve the low bid and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.

Motion to approve the low bid to pay out of 2012 SPLOST funds and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)*

c. Water Insurance

Ch. Hooper stated in the past property owners, several on fixed incomes, had a tremendous water leak and were hit with an outrageous water bill. He said a survey was sent out a few months ago to see if customers were interested in water insurance. Chairman Hooper said that

customers would pay \$1 extra a month that would go into a reserve account and if no claim was made in 5 years then the customer would get back half of the money that they had paid in. Mr. Reece stated the billing office sent out 2,210 letters to residential units only. They received back 410-Yes and 116-No and there were 1,598-No Response. Vice Ch. Turk stated he would like to take out the part of the insurance where the customer would get half of the money back over a 5-year period if no claims were made. Ch. Hooper stated since this was his idea he would not put it in a form of a motion. There was no motion and no action was taken.

8. Resolution to Adopt 2014 Amended and Restated Retirement Plan

Arlene Ivey

Arlene Ivey H/R – Personnel Director asked that the Commissioners approve the adoption of the amended and restated 2014 Model Plan document through a new Adoption Agreement, which maintains the Plan's current benefit structure. Ms. Ivey stated that she was asking for authorization for the Chairman to sign the resolution.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6) 2015-08

9. FY2015 Prisoner Work Detail Agreement

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this agreement was with the Georgia Department of Corrections/Phillips State Prison for a prisoner work detail in the amount of \$39,500.

Motion to renew the agreement: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

10. CSC Deed Indexing Agreement

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated in July 2001 the Clerk of Court's Office entered into a contract with Mainstreet Technologies for deed imaging. Mr. Failyer stated Tim Harper, CSC had requested an additional \$15,517. to complete the project and if approved the funds would come from the Capital Fund.

Motion to approve the agreement and additional funds to be paid from the Capital Fund: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

11. Alcohol License Transfer

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated the license transfer was for Ruby Tuesday and the County Marshal had checked all requirements and recommended the transfer be approved.

Motion to approve the transfer: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition/Disposal

Motion to enter into executive session: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 7:00 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 7:20 p.m.

(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

Code Enforcement Officer Resignation

Ch. Hooper made a motion to accept the resignation of the Code Enforcement Officer Keith Covington effective July 24, 2015 and also to advertise the position starting Monday.

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

13. Georgia State Patrol Post

Motion: Ch. Hooper said "I make the following action motion regarding the acquisition of a Georgia State Patrol Post in Banks County. A yes vote will mean the Banks County Commissioners will provide land and financing for the project. Land availability and funding sources will be voted on at a later date. A no vote will mean no action or plans will be made to locate, build or finance a North Georgia State Patrol Post in Banks County at this time."

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 3:2 - as follows:

Sammy Reece: Aye

Charles Turk: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Nay

David Duckett: Nay

Jimmy Hooper: Nay

Three nay votes and the motion for a Georgia State Patrol Post location in Banks County was denied by majority vote.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
