

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

Chairman Charles Turk
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Bo Garrison
Commissioner Sammy Reece
Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Staff Present

County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
HR/Personnel Director Arlene Ivey
Fire Chief Steve Nichols
County Attorney Randall Frost
EMA/E911 Director Deidra Moore

Media

None

1. Call to Order

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Bo Garrison
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Turk led the Pledge to the American Flag.

4. Public Hearings: NONE

5. Contracts & Agreements:

a. Roads & Bridges: Steven B. Tanger Blvd Culvert Replacement Contract Change Order #1 – ER Snell Construction

Ch. Turk stated there was a change order that needed to be approved in the amount of \$148,939.49 for additional paving and some other overruns for extending the parapet which included extra concrete and steel and increasing erosion control measures due to extended rains. Ch. Turk stated that \$116,304.76 was for additional paving from the edge of the culvert up toward Home Depot because the pavement was in such bad shape. He stated it made sense to pave it while contractors were already there and about \$32,000 of the change order was concrete, steel and erosion control overages.

Comm. Garrison stated he was concerned that the \$32,000 overrun was something that the engineers overlooked and he would like an answer as to why this was over looked.

Vice Ch. Maxwell asked about the backfill dirt and why was there an overrun on that item? He further stated he thought that we gave them the dirt so why was the cost over on backfill and asked did they charge for hauling.

Ch. Turk stated they got our dirt but we made them put it back and they did not charge for hauling only the dirt.

Comm. Reece stated that the contractors were told to do the additional paving and he had no problem paying that portion of the change order.

Comm. Maxwell asked when the additional paving was done? Ch. Turk stated that the paving was only for additional material and no labor.

Comm. Garrison asked when the additional paving was approved? Ch. Turk stated that was what we were doing now.

Comm. Garrison stated he would like KCI engineers to come to the November. 9, 2021 meeting and explain the change order and the need for the additional materials. He stated he would like to make sure we were not paying more because of all the utilities in that location that had to be moved and reinstalled when the culvert was finished.

Comm. Gardiner stated he would like to know the footage of the additional paving when the engineers came.

Motion to table the item and have KCI engineers come to the November 9, 2021 Commissioners Meeting: Bo Garrison

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. EMA: 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Deidra Moore

Deidra Moore, EMA/E911 Director stated every 5 years the Hazard Mitigation Plan had to be updated. The plan update deadline would be due March 2023. The State has provided a grant to the county for \$34,000 to have the plan updated and will not cost the County any additional funds but does require 25% in kind services. Ms. Moore stated that she recommended Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation who performed the last plan update.

Motion to accept Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation and use the 25% in-kind match to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Executive Session: Personnel & Land Acquisition

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and land acquisition: Bo Garrison

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session started at 6:43 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Bo Garrison
Second: Keith Gardiner
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:31 p.m.

Personnel – Unpaid Administrative Leave

Motion to approve unpaid administrative leave for Richard Brooks retroactive back to September 1, 2021: Sammy Reece
Second: Keith Gardiner
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

Personnel – E911/EMA Director Resignation

Motion to accept the resignation of Deidra Moore as E911/EMA Director effective November 1, 2021: Charles Turk
Second: Bo Garrison
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Turk stated that he appreciated her service for the last 22 years.

Comm. Garrison stated he appreciated her service also.

Comm. Reece stated he appreciated her and she had done a marvelous job.

The Commissioners presented Ms. Moore with a certificate of recognition and Arlene Ivey HR/Personnel Director presented Ms. Moore with a small token gift of appreciation for her service and dedication.

Personnel – E911/EMA Director Appointment

Motion to appoint Fire Chief Steve Nichols to assume the duties of the E911/EMA Director with his current pay salary and a stipend of \$11,505/year effective November 2, 2021. Battalion Chief Scottie Mathis would become a 5 day a week employee. Give HR direction to advertise the position of a Deputy 911 Director: Charles Turk
Second: Bo Garrison
Comm. Gardiner clarified that the current office staff would be cross-trained in areas of E911 and Fire/EMS.
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece
Second: Keith Gardiner
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
