

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on May 22, 2014 at 4:00 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 Regina Gailey
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Media Present:

Sharon Hogan, Banks County News

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

By unanimous vote motion carried.

3. FY2015 Budget

The following budgets were discussed:

Chamber/CVB

Ch. Hooper stated the need to add \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce budget.

Motion to approve the increase: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 3:2

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

Charles Turk: Nay

David Duckett: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Sammy Reece: Nay

By majority vote motion carried.

Roads

Mr. Failyer stated \$8,064 would be added to the Roads budget to cover the two temporary part-time positions added at the previous meeting.

Sheriff

Sheriff Carlton Speed

Total of 38 employees

Transfer Carissa McFadden to "Office of Professional Standards" under the Clerks line item
\$80,000 to be reimbursed by school under the Deputies line item

Jail Sheriff Carlton Speed

Total 20 Jailers

Sheriff urged Commissioners to plan for a jail population increase over the next several years. He stated the jail capacity was quickly approaching. He stated the average daily population was up 77%.

He stated there had been a 22% increase in court services

Goals:

New training facility on site

Fleet replacement/management

Body cameras for every deputy - \$300 each

Alcosensors for each car

State of Georgia Certification – helps toward insurance premium

Fire/EMS

Ch. Hooper stated the \$36,000 for the Training Officer needed to be placed back in the budget. He said the Fire Chief had stated the need for filling the position. Ch. Hooper made a motion to hire the Training Officer. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Commissioners Turk, Reece and Duckett all requested that the Fire Chief appear at the next meeting to explain the need for the position.

Employee Salary Increases

Ch. Hooper stated he felt the employee salaries should be increased by 3%. He also said it had been almost 7 years since a raise was given except for the 1% a couple of years ago when FICA had gone up 2%. He stated employees were living on wages of at least 1% less than in 2006. Comm. Reece stated he had no problem with raises but that he wanted to wait and review projected revenues before the decision. Vice Ch. Turk and Comm. Duckett agreed. Comm. Maxwell stated he was in support of employee raises. All committed to look for funds to provide for an increase.

Budget Amendment

Mr. Failyer asked for board approval to prepare an amendment for the budget to move funds to account for overages and shortfalls.

Motion to allow Mr. Failyer to proceed with the amendment: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

By unanimous vote motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
