

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on March 25, 2014 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 Regina Gailey

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add “11. Sheriff Department: Bulletproof Vests, Randy Failyer”:
Sammy Reece
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

3. Prayer

Ch. Hooper stated ideally life should be 50% giving and 50% receiving and asked each person to ponder which they are – a giver or receiver. He stated today’s society, in some ways, has become an entitlement society with expectations of hand-outs. He stated the goal should be to work together and to help one another.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Hickory Flat Road Fire

Willene Boyle

Ms. Boyle stated that on March 20th at app 4:00 p.m., her relative’s mobile home was lost to fire on Hickory Flat Road. She stated the home was located app .2 miles from Hickory Flat Fire Station #240 which had a fire engine located in the station. She stated the engine did not make it to the fire in time due to lack of volunteers available and she also said there was no water on the truck once it arrived on scene. She stated more volunteers need to be recruited. She stated EMS personnel passed the station and asked why they could not have split up and taken the engine to the fire. She asked for more

fulltime firefighters and that Station #240 be manned at least part time. She stated the need for additional part time volunteers and paid staff who work together. She said it concerned her that volunteers work during the day and were unavailable on that particular day. She also stated that Fire Station #220 made it on scene within 7 minutes of the call. She restated the need for all working together.

6. Giovanni's Restaurant Alcohol License

Sharif Farhan – Applicant/Manager stated he was applying for a Beer & Wine Consumption on the Premises license.

Motion to approve the application: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

7. Greg Wells Leave of Absence Request

Ch. Hooper stated this was a request for a 60 day leave of absence. He clarified with the County Attorney that an employee on an approved leave of absence would still be under the same guidelines as specified in the county personnel policies. Attorney Frost confirmed that the same would apply.

Motion to approve the request: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

8. 2014 Propane Contract Bid Award

Ch. Hooper stated they had received 3 bids toward the 2014 propane contract. He stated the low bid was from Folgers Propane at \$1.52.9 per gallon.

Motion to approve Folgers Propane as low bidder: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

9. Resolutions:

a. Code Amendment Resolution: Section 6-6, Entitled "Consumption on the Premises License Renewal and Transfer"

Ch. Hooper stated this was an amendment that addressed the change that was approved in the March 11, 2014 meeting. This would reduce the fee for license transfers and manager changes from ½ the license fee to a flat fee of \$200.

Motion to approve the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5) 2014-03

b. Code Amendment Resolution: Chapter 30, Entitled "Courts" Section 30-3 Entitled "Agents for the County for Issuance of Citations"

Ch. Hooper stated this would clarify to the Magistrate Judge who can issue citations on fire code violations as set out in Chapter 30 of the Official Code of Banks County. Attorney Frost stated this amended the list of those county agents who may issue citations to add Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, County Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal. Vice Ch. Turk stated he would like more time for research before approval. Ch. Hooper confirmed that certifications would be required for each position. Vice Ch. Turk questioned the need for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to be on the list.

Motion to postpone the resolution to the April 8, 2014 regular meeting to provide time for further research: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

c. Adult Entertainment Establishments Moratorium Resolution

Ch. Hooper stated this would be for 180 days to allow time for the preliminary studies required for changes to the adult entertainment requirements.

Motion to approve the resolution: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5) 2014-04

10. Temporary Construction Road Closings: Apple Pie Ridge and Wynn Lake Road

Apple Pie Ridge Rd

Ch. Hooper stated Apple Pie Ridge Road had a culvert that was washing away and posed a risk to the public. He asked that it be deemed an emergency in order to bypass the bid process and to speed up the repair. He said the approximate cost of the repair would be \$35,000 and would be paid out of the 2012 SPLOST Fund.

Motion to approve the request: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

Wynn Lake Rd

Ch. Hooper stated Wynn Lake Road culvert also needed replacing and the repair would be approximately \$164,772 to be paid also from the 2012 SPLOST Fund. The repair would take 6 to 8 weeks.

Motion to approve the repair and to solicit bids for the repair: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

Ch. Hooper stated the roads would be temporarily closed in those portions during the repair.

11. Sheriff Department: Bulletproof Vests

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer asked for clarification of the amount approved during the FY2014 budget work sessions and for the fund from which to pay the expense for the vests. Comm. Reece stated it would be \$10,000 to be paid from the Capital Fund. He further stated a 50% grant would help pay the remainder of the purchase. Mr. Failyer stated it was for 37 vests.

Motion to approve the purchase: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

12. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
