

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on March 11, 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

Economic Developer Brad Day
Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey

Media Present

Banks County News – Alex Pace
Access North Georgia - Rob Moore

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
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

3. Prayer

Ch. Hooper told a story of the man that wrote the song “It is Well With My Soul” and of how the song was written after the man suffered some great loss in his life. Ch. Hooper then expressed that no matter how bad it gets, if it is it well with your soul then it is bearable.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Sammy Reece
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 2/25/2014

Motion to approve the minutes: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. V-14-01 – Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. – A variance application for an advertising sign to exceed 40 feet in height at 30580 Hwy 441 South.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and opened the public hearing. Economic Developer Brad Day stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. Justin Greer of Williams Brothers & Associates spoke in favor of the application. Ch. Hooper closed the public hearing and opened the Commissioners meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

b. CU-14-01 – Terry Powell – A conditional use application for an auto and small engine repair shop as a home occupation to be located at 2459 Hwy 63.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and opened the public hearing. Economic Developer Brad Day stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. Terry Powell spoke in favor of the application. Ch. Hooper closed the public hearing and opened the Commissioners meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

8. Candler Street Underground Storage Tank Closure

Britt Myers

Mr. Myers stated there was no 3 Phase product currently on site however there was still dissolve in the groundwater. He stated the geologist suggested trying one more extraction at a cost of \$27,900.50.

Motion to approve the additional extraction: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

9. Rural Land Reappraisal Contract Bid

Kevin Whitman

Mr. Whitman stated he had received 3 bids toward the reappraisal and recommended Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions at \$24,750 plus \$125 per parcel of timber extraction. He stated this would take about 6 months to complete and would be in the FY2015 budget.

Motion to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)

10. SpyGlass Snapshot Audit Agreement

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this was for an audit of the current phone service with Windstream. He asked for a motion to approve the agreement pending attorney review and authority for the Chairman to sign the agreement. He stated the billing would be according to cost recovery.

Motion to approve the agreement: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)

11. Alcohol Establishment Manager/Location Change Fees

Vice Ch. Turk stated he felt the fee for a manager or location change for alcohol establishments was too high. Currently it is equal to one half of the license fee. He recommended reducing the fee to a flat fee of \$200. County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated a resolution would be drawn to officially amend the code.

Motion to approve the change: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
