

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on May 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Charles Turk and commissioners Danny Maxwell, Sammy Reece and Ernest Rogers. County Attorney Randall Frost and Finance Officer Randy Failyer were also present.

### **1. Call to Order**

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to amend the agenda to remove "Item 6. Local Emergency Operations Plan Resolution" from the agenda. Comm. Rogers seconded. All aye votes and the agenda was approved.

### **3. Grady Tower Site**

*Jill Brown*

Ms. Brown stated concerns with the 160' tower height. She asked why the Commission Board created the county code that states the communication tower setback will be at least equivalent to the height of the tower. She stated she had spoken with numerous real estate professionals that are concerned the value of the property located in the fall zone of the tower will decrease significantly if the tower is built. Ms. Brown also stated she had consulted with attorneys concerning this matter.

### **4. Amended CUP-12-01 - James M. Seymour, Sonya Seymour, Paul Shore – Muffler Shop & Recovery Storage Yard**

Attorney John Stell was present to represent the applicants and the tenant. He stated the application had been amended to change the name of the applicants and Seymour Wrecker Service was named as tenant on the application. Comm. Maxwell made a motion to approve the application with the condition that Seymour Wrecker Service will remain as tenant - for this conditional use permit. Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

### **5. Public Utility Bill Collections**

*Steve Reece*

Mr. Reece stated there were unpaid water and sewer bills in excess of \$42,000 and asked for permission to contract with a collection agency for collections of the past due bills. Donna Womelsdorf and Stephanie Cottrell of First Federal Collections were present to answer any questions the Board may have concerning the collection process. Ms. Womelsdorf stated the collection fee would be in the amount of 25% unless it is necessary to use an attorney. She stated skip tracing would be done as well as credit bureau reporting if authorized by the Commission Board. Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the contract for collections with First Federal Collections at a rate of 25%. First Federal Collections currently collect for the Clerk of Superior Court and the ambulance service for Banks County.

### **6. FY2013 Budget**

*Randy Failyer*

Those department budgets discussed included the following:

Contingency

Commissioners

Registrars

District Attorney

Library

*Stacy Krumnow*

Public Utilities

*Steve Reece*

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch then resumed at 1:35 p.m.

Chamber/CVB

*Todd Hubbard, Sherry Ward, Alicia Andrews,  
Bonnie Johnson*

Recreation

*Joe Gailey*

Fire/EMS

*Brian Eubanks*

Adult Education

*Lisa Prescott, Victoria Kelley*

## **7. Adjournment**

Comm. Reece made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Ch. Turk seconded. All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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