



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Commissioner Chris Ausburn

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Commissioner Bo Garrison

ABSENT

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

STAFF PRESENT

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

Battalion Chief Scottie Mathis

Human Resources Director Arlene Ivey

County Attorney Randall Frost

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ch. Turk stated the agenda needed to be amended to add Executive Session-Personnel/Litigation.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **6/5/2023 Minutes**

b. **6/13/2023 Minutes**

c. **6/27/2023 Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

4. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Comm. Ausburn led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ch. Turk reported on the items following:

- E911 received 330 Fire/EMS calls and 2,756 calls for the Sheriff's Office.
- Banks County 4-H Archery Team placed 7th in the Nation.
- Paving was finished on Morris Gardiner Road and patching had begun on W. Ridgeway Road.
- Fall sports at the Recreation Department would begin soon.

6. BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

a. Department of Family & Children Services Board - to finish vacant term to expire 6/30/2026

Motion to appoint Sandra Fulghum to the DFCS Board to finish a vacant term to expire 6/30/2026.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

b. Department of Family & Children Services Board - 5-year term to expire 6/30/2028

Motion to appoint Kari Manning to the DFCS Board for a 5-year term to expire 6/30/2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

c. Planning & Zoning Appeals Board - 3-year term to expire July 31, 2026

Motion to appoint Brad McCook to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Gardiner

Voting Nay: Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 2:2 Tie

Two nay votes and two yea votes and the motion failed.

d. Planning & Zoning Appeals Board - 3-year term to expire July 31, 2026

Motion to appoint Brett Coltman to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Garrison

Voting Nay: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 2:2 Tie

Two nay votes and two yea votes and the motion failed.

7. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

a. Senior Services: FY2024 Nutrition Services Contract - Legacy Link

Ms. Gailey stated this was an annual contract for nutrition services for the Senior Center to provide Meals on Wheels and congregate meals.

Motion to approve the contract.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Contract filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-5)

b. Fire/EMS: FY2024 Tates Creek Fire Contract - Scottie Mathis

Mr. Mathis stated this was an annual contract in the amount of \$3,000 and was also budgeted for the FY2024 budget year. He further stated this contract would provide better service for areas within the Tates Creek Fire Station area.

Motion to approve the contract.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Contract filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-5)

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Human Resources: Personnel Policies Update - Arlene Ivey

Ms. Ivey stated during the FY2024 budget hearings she requested funds to do a personnel policy update. Tonight she was requesting approval of the updated policy with the effective date of 7/11/2023.

Motion to approve the policy update effective 7/11/2023 pending county attorney approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Policy filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-5)

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL/LITIGATION

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and litigation at 6:41 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to close the executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Affidavit filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-5)

Code Enforcement Officer Resignation

Ch. Turk stated that Code Enforcement Officer Darrell Crane had submitted his resignation.

Motion to accept the resignation.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
