



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

Commissioner Chris Ausburn

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Commissioner Bo Garrison

STAFF

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

Sheriff Carlton Speed

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. 10/10/2023 Minutes

b. 10/24/2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

4. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Commissioner Gardiner led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ch. Turk reported on the following:

- E911 received 289 Fire EMS calls and 2,589 Sheriff's Office calls.
- Thanked the road department for the work they were doing. Ch. Turk stated the commissioners had been getting a lot of positive comments on the scraping and work they had been doing.

- Stated they were trying to track down and see what was causing the delay in the water bills and hopefully would get that issue corrected soon.

6. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Environmental Health: Fee Schedule - Jonathan Terry

Jonathan Terry, District 2 Health - Environmental Health stated that in September 2023 at the Board of Health meeting the environmental health fees were updated and adopted. He stated he was requesting for the County to adopt the amended fees. Mr. Terry stated the last time the fees were amended was in 2008.

Comm. Garrison asked how comparable Banks County fees were with surrounding counties. Mr. Terry stated Banks County fees were in line with Franklin and Stephens Counties and the last time the fees were amended was in 2008.

Motion to approve the fees.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Fees filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-1)

b. Sheriff: Flock Safety Security Cameras - Sheriff Carlton Speed

Sheriff Carlton Speed gave a presentation on the effectiveness of a Flock Camera System. He stated the cameras were a crime deterrent and an investigative tool to solve crimes.

Sheriff Speed requested 12 cameras to be installed and be placed at different ingress and egress areas of the county. The cost of the 12 cameras are \$48,400 for the first year and \$40,000 every year after. He stated one camera cost about \$2,500 per year and he would also like to get 2 mobile cameras so they can be moved throughout the County.

Comm. Garrison asked Sheriff Speed where the funds came from for the eight cameras that they had already purchased. Sheriff Speed stated those were purchased with payroll funds within the Sheriff's budget.

Motion to purchase 12 Flock Cameras in the amount of \$48,400 from the Capital Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

c. Roads & Bridges: Bush Hog Purchase

Ch. Turk stated there was a need for a bush hog at the Road Department. He stated they got four quotes, and the road department preferred the Rhino 4105 Batwing Cutter from Ag Parts Supply for \$23,500.

Comm. Garrison stated to make sure the rotation was correct.

Motion to approve the bush hog purchase in the amount of \$23,500 from 2018 Road and Bridge SPLOST.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

d. Roads & Bridges: Deercrest Road

Ch. Turk stated they had received an estimate from KCI for paving the steep hill on Deercrest Road. He stated the estimate started at \$18,000 to \$50,000 depending on if you included a crossdrain that was very deep.

Comm. Garrison wanted to make sure the project was put out to bid since construction was slowing up some, we might get a better price.

Motion to put out to bid the following:

Deercrest Rd - Paving 450' from the crossdrain up the hill.

Deercrest Rd - Paving 900' from Old 441 for 900' to include replacing a cross drain.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

e. Roads & Bridges: Road Maintenance Oversight/Engineering - KCI Technologies

Ch. Turk stated this was a request for additional engineering in the amount of \$17,690. He stated this would include construction supervision/project management of work on roads, bridges, culvert repairs.

Comm. Garrison asked how long of a period was this for? Ch. Turk stated it depended on how much we used them because they charge by the hour.

Motion to approve the engineering fees in the amount of \$17,690.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk