



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

Commissioner Bo Garrison

Commissioner Sammy Reece

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Asst County Clerk Erin Decker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ch. Turk stated the agenda needed to be amended as follows:

Add: 7. City of Commerce / EDA Award No. 04-01-07222 – Sale of Pre-Treatment Facility

Add: 8. 4-Day Employee Work Week

Move 8 to 9. Adjournment

Motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

a. 2/22/2022 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

4. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Comm. Reece led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. **Completion of the Recreation Soccer/Track/Cheerleading/Football Field - Ben Ramsey**

Ben Ramsey - Banks County - Presented a request to the Commissioners about putting lights on the multipurpose field where the track was close to the middle school. He stated lights needed to be installed since that field was used for practices for football, soccer and cheerleading. Mr. Ramsey further stated he had acquired a quote just to show the approximate cost of installing the lighting.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. **Planning Commission: Z-22-01 - Darshaan Holding, LLC - An application to rezone the property identified as parcel B51 025 - tract 1A, a 7.27-acre lot at Hwy 441 and McCoy Bridge Rd from ARR (Agricultural, Rural, Residential to C2 (Commercial) to be used for a convenience store/gas station, retail space, and self-storage facility.**

Ch. Turk closed the meeting and Atty. Frost opened the hearing.

Atty. Frost stated Z-22-01 - Darshaan Holding, LLC - An application to rezone the property identified as parcel B51 025 - tract 1A, a 7.27 acre lot at Hwy 441 and McCoy Bridge Rd from ARR (Agricultural, Rural, Residential to C2 (Commercial) to be used for a convenience store/gas station, retail space, and self-storage facility.

Code Enforcement Officer Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval with the added condition that they receive a letter from GDOT that states no access would be allowed off 441.

In Favor of Application

Otis Rylee - Wilson Bridge Road, Banks County - Presented a letter from GDOT stating no entrance would be allowed from 441 and that plans that had been changed to decrease the storage units so the total square footage doesn't exceed 40,000 sq. ft. There were also two access points which included wider entrances from McCoy Bridge Road which would increase the safety of the entrances to the property. Also a turn lane had been added on McCoy Bridge Road for safety purposes.

Ch Turk stated it looked like the size of the storm drain had been increased. Mr. Rylee stated there were no changes to the storm drain.

Vice Ch. Maxwell stated to him it looked like at the first drive would be the convenience store and three proposed retail spaces and the second drive would be for the storage units.

Jodi Parks - Hwy 63, Banks County - Stated she wasn't against the application but just wanted to know if anything else would be on the property other than the proposed use.

Ch. Turk stated no there would be nothing else.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Turk opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the application with the added condition.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Reece.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution and letter filed in attachment to Minute Book 10-4)

7. CITY OF COMMERCE / EDA AWARD NO. 04-01-07222 – SALE OF PRE-TREATMENT FACILITY

Atty. Frost stated when Diana Foods, which is now Kerry, Inc., located to Banks County they had to have their waste pre-treated. As a result, Banks County and the City of Commerce applied for a grant to build a pre-treatment facility. Kerry, Inc. was now offering to buy the pre-treatment facility and take over the operation. The County would be writing a letter agreeing for that transaction to happen. Atty. Frost further stated the Commissioners would need to approve the transaction and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

Motion to approve the transaction and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of letter filed in attachment to Minute Book 10-4)

8. 4-DAY EMPLOYEE WORK WEEK

Ch. Turk stated HR Director Arlene Ivey had talked about giving the department heads the permission to allow their employees to work a 4-day work week with 10-hour days as long as there were 2 people in the office at all times. Ch. Turk stated there were several employees that drove a lot and this could help them out with the increasing cost of fuel. Ch. Turk further stated the hours of opening to the public would remain 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. for the Annex and Courthouse.

Comm. Gardiner clarified that there would be no overtime.

Motion to approve the 4-day work week until September 1, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Reece.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk