



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/CITIES JOINT WORK SESSION/MEETING - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION RENEGOTIATION

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

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece
Commissioner Keith Gardiner

ABSENT

Commissioner Bo Garrison

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Commissioner Gardiner led the Pledge to the American Flag.

4. CURRENT BUSINESS:

a. 2022 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Renegotiation

Ch. Turk gave an overview of the LOST negotiation process and some percentages that were currently being used for the County and City portions.

He stated the following:

- The City/County have 60 days from today, June 30, 2022 to have an agreement for LOST distribution or they would have to go into arbitration.
- The estimated amount to be collected for the next 10 years was \$40M.
- Some qualifying factors to collect LOST was the municipalities had to provide at least 3 of the following services: water, sewer, library, police, fire and garbage pickup.
- The current percentages were Alto 1.59%, Baldwin 2.96%, Gillsville .42%, Homer 5.71%, Lula 1.4% and Maysville 4.67%

Ch. Turk stated that even though the county's Census population decreased in 2020 and the cities increased the county still had to provide additional services and the Commissioners stance on the percentage to be received by the County should be 85%. He also stated that a majority of the point-of-sales were at Banks Crossing.

Joe Elam, Mayor, City of Baldwin asked if 85% was Banks County's final number. Ch. Turk stated that was the County's proposal and the cities would need to come up with their proposal.

Jerry Payne, Councilman, City of Homer stated he thought the fairest way was based on population.

Dennis Burgin, City Manager, City of Lula stated we are all in this together and maybe this would give the cities time to go back and look at their numbers and try to come up with their own proposal.

All agreed to schedule the next work session for July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk