



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 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 Bo Garrison

Commissioner Sammy Reece

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

STAFF

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Delete: 4a. Public Comment

Add: 6b. GA Power Easement

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Comm. Reece led the Pledge to the American Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. Trash on Hwy 51N & Hwy 441 - Sam Moon

Deleted from the agenda.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS:

a. Roads & Bridges: Purchase of Tractor

Ch. Turk stated he recommended the purchase of two tractors. He stated the purchase would come from 2018 Road and Bridges SPLOST and he got prices on Kubota, McCormick, Zetor and John Deere. He stated he compared prices, and the best value was on the Kubota 4 Wheel Drive for \$57,937.36.

Comm. Garrison asked if Ch. Turk had talked to the company that contracted the roadside cutting with GDOT and see what tractor they recommend. He stated he would like the Chairman to contact them and ask them about the tractors they use.

Comm. Gardiner stated that Love's lease their tractors and also run non cab tractors.

Comm. Reece stated that Kubota was much better than what we have now.

Ch. Turk stated they run their tractors in places that the County never would.

Motion to purchase two Kubota tractors in the amount of \$57,937.36 each and pay for from the 2018 Road and Bridge SPLOST.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:1

Motion passed by majority vote.

b. Roads & Bridges: Purchase of Bush Hog

Ch. Turk stated he got quotes for a Rhino, Kubota and John Deere bush hog and Rhino was the most durable being heavy duty. Also, Rhino had the bigger gear box that would hold up better.

Ch. Turk stated the price for the Rhino bush hog was \$23,600 for Ag Parts & Supply.

Comm Garrison clarified why he voted no and stated he didn't vote against buying the equipment but rather because he felt like a little more research needed to be done.

Ch. Turk stated he had been on the agenda for a few weeks.

Motion to purchase two Rhino Bush Hogs from Ag Parts and Supply in the amount of \$23,600 each and paid for from the 2018 Road and Bridge SPLOST.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Voting Nay: Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 4:1

Motion passed by majority vote.

6. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

a. Roads & Bridges: Additional Engineering - KCI Technologies

Ch. Turk stated this was engineering for supervision and construction of various projects that need to be completed.

Motion to approve the additional engineering in the amount of \$15,950.

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 yea votes and motion passed.

b. Georgia Power Easement

Ch. Turk stated that the Sheriff's Office would need poles down to the training facility. The easement would be for GA Power to be able to work on the power line when they needed to.

Motion to approve the easement.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Easement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-5)

7. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

- a. Board of Education: A Resolution providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax to provide funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on a Banks County School District General Obligation Sales Tax Bond, Series 2022 in the principal amount of \$10,000,000**

Cory Kirby with Harvin, Hartman and Faulkner Attorneys and he stated that they represented the Board of Education and was asking the Board of Commissioners to approve a tax levy resolution for bonds that the school board was issuing.

Atty. Kirby further stated that the County would not be the ones to raise the millage rate, but the Board of Education would be doing that, and the County would just be collecting the taxes.

Atty. Kirby stated that County Attorney Randall Frost had reviewed the document.

Motion to approve the resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-5) 2022-30

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.