



# BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

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### 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  
Public Utilities Director Horace Gee  
Senior Center/Transit Director Tracie Hammond

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

*Delete:* 6a. Public Utilities: Wastewater Treatment Contract - Water Management      Horace Gee

*Add:* 6a. Personnel: 2023 Health Insurance Plan Addendum

Motion to amend the agenda.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

### 3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Comm. Ausburn led the Pledge to the American Flag.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. **Z-22-10 Doug & Tari Anderson of 221 Garrison Shoals Rd to rezone property from ARR (Agriculture Rural Residential) to C2 (General Commercial). Property identified as Map and Parcel B07045A consisting of 2 acres to be used for Sale of Used Cars.**

Ch. Turk stated that he met with Mr. Anderson yesterday and Mr. Anderson has asked for the application to be withdrawn.

## 5. CURRENT BUSINESS:

### a. Public Utilities: Banks County Veterinarian Clinic Water Line

Horace Gee Public Utilities Director stated that the Veterinarian Clinic had contacted him about extending water down Webb's Creek Road to the business. He stated the vet clinic had received a bid to extend public water to the development. Mr. Gee stated this waterline was requirement for a commercial business.

He stated the bid the business received was for a 6" line and 2 fire hydrants and the total cost of the bid was \$62,884 which was about 15% less than what he expected. He further stated the County cost share would be \$31,442. The facility would use about 77,000 gallons of water per month and this would take approximately 5 years to recover the cost of the project. The developer would also be required to install a 2" meter and that cost would be \$10,000 so when you include the cost of the 2" meter to the amount of recovering funds, it would only take 2 years to recover the cost of installation.

Comm. Garrison asked if the County had ever invested county money for any other private business? Mr. Gee stated that years ago the County fully financed the water installation to The Pottery.

Comm. Ausburn asked who maintained the water line? Mr. Gee stated that once any line was connected into the County system, the County maintained it.

Comm. Gardiner asked how much it would cost to drill under 441? Mr. Gee stated it would cost approximately \$90,000.

Comm. Ausburn stated he was concerned with running a waterline to a personnel business.

Comm. Garrison said in turn we would be getting property tax revenue that we haven't gotten in the past.

Comm. Ausburn stated so if the County didn't run the waterline to the business, then the business wouldn't locate in Banks County?

Comm. Garrison asked about having an agreement with the vet clinic for the County to take stray animals?

Comm. Ausburn stated we needed to have that agreement in writing.

Mr. Gee stated he was asking for the County to partner with the developer in this project.

Ch. Turk said we would also have to have a 20 ft. easement.

Motion to proceed with the waterline installation pending a 20 ft. easement and an agreement with the vet clinic concerning animal control. Both documents pending board approval and county attorney approval.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

### b. Postponed 1/10/2023: Senior Services: FY2024 Legacy Link RFP: Tracie Hammond

Tracie Hammond Senior Center/Transit Director stated that she was requesting the permission to submit the yearly RFP to Legacy Link for the FY2024 funding.

Motion to submit the RFP for FY2024 Legacy Link funding.

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 aye votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of RFP/Agreement filed in attachment to Minute Book 10-4)*

## **6. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:**

### **a. Personnel: 2023 Health Insurance Amendment**

Ch. Turk stated this was an amendment to the health insurance plan to reduce the 60-day waiting period down to a 30-day waiting period.

Motion to approve the addendum and authorize the Chairman to sign the addendum.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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 aye votes and the motion passed.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk