



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FY2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION/MEETING

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

Thursday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the worksession to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

Commissioner Chris Ausburn

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Commissioner Bo Garrison

STAFF

County Clerk Jenni Gailey

TOWN OF HOMER

Mayor Doug Cheek

Town Council Members:

Sandra Garrison

James Dumas

Cliff Hill

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commission Gardiner

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

3. COMMUNITY PLANNING DISCUSSION

Barbara Lindorme and Jody Parks were both present with questions for discussion including:

- Water
 - Mayor Cheek stated Homer was currently working to regain compliance with the system and to reduce the amount of water purchased from the county. He added there was the need for an additional well but stated even then they would like to keep the connection and purchase agreement with the county.
 - Chairman Turk stated the county was currently installing a booster pump to tap fully onto the City of Toccoa system for water purchase when needed.

- Sewer

- Chairman Turk stated the line would be run along the Georgia Power easement to the high school. The school portion would be approximately \$1 million. He also stated a line was currently being installed to the landfill as well.
 - Mayor Cheek stated the need for sewer downtown and asked if the county would consider the possibility of running it through town.
 - Chairman Turk stated that residential sewer was not justifiable however sizeable commercial could be justifiable and worth the cost of running the lines.
 - Councilman Dumas asked about the possibility of the town engineer running an estimate on the possibility of the town tapping onto and expanding the Candler Street septic system that the county owns.
 - Mayor Cheek stated that restaurants would be an immediate possibility.
 - Councilman Dumas stated before any business could grow or in some case even operate in town, sewer would be necessary.
- Housing/Chimney Oaks Development
 - Councilman Dumas stated the approval was for a 270 home cap on 360 acres and further stated the current impact on the school system was approximately 25 additional kids.
- Fire
 - Chairman Turk stated an automatic aid agreement was currently in place.
- EMS
 - Chairman Turk stated the county responded to the entire county regardless if it was in the county or city.
- Sheriff/Police
 - Mayor Cheek stated the city relied on the Sheriff Department for coverage.
- Service Delivery Agreement
 - Councilman Dumas stated the need to update the Service Delivery Agreement once the sewer route is established and since the LOST has been negotiated.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, 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.

Chairman

County Clerk