



# CALLED BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION/MEETING

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

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL 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  
Senior Center/Transit Director Tracie Hammond  
Fire Chief Steve Nichols  
Battalion Chief Scottie Mathis  
Recreation Director Kat Roberts  
Adam Hazzel Planning Director GMRC

### 2. AGENDA ITEMS

Ch. Turk stated the agenda needed to be amended to add the following items:

4c. 2024 Alcohol License

4f. Backhoe Purchase

4h. Legacy Link RFP

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

#### a. 12/12/2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

#### b. Fire/EMS: Officer Pinning Ceremony

Fire Chief Steve Nichols and Battalion Chief Scottie Mathis pinned the following employees for their achievements:

Josh Willard FF/PMDC, Lieutenant

Keith Freeman FF/PMDC, Lieutenant

Pete Keck FF/AEMT, Lieutenant

Jackson Aquila FF/AEMT, Lieutenant

Jennifer Morris FF/PMDC, Lieutenant

Richard Garrett FF/EMT, Lieutenant

Blake Simpson FF/PMDC, Captain

Brandon Ayers FF/PMDC, Captain/Training Officer

**c. 2024 Alcohol License**

\*\*Ms. Fincannon stated the following businesses were renewing their license:

Blazer's                      Beer Consumption

Homer Grocery              Beer/Wine Package

Outback Steakhouse      Beer/Wine/Liquor Consumption

Seoul Garden                Beer Consumption

Motion to approve the above licenses.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

\*\*Ms. Fincannon also stated that Seoul Garden was applying for a new liquor consumption license that would go with their existing beer consumption license. She stated there had been no change in management or ownership.

Motion to approve the license.

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 yea votes and the motion passed.

\*\*Ms. Fincannon stated the Commerce Food Mart was applying for a Beer/Wine Sales. She stated they were already approved by the State and the background check and finger prints came back good.

Motion to approve the license.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**d. Recreation: Athletics Manual**

Recreation Director Kat Roberts stated she was requesting the Commissioners to approve an Athletics Manual. She stated this manual would put policies and procedures in place at the Recreation Department. Some areas the policy would cover were as follows:

Refund Policy, Team Selection, Draft System, Weather conditions/cancellations, Make-up games, and Registration Fees.

Motion to approve the Athletics Manual.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**e. Roads: KCI Technologies - Additional Funds**

Ch. Turk stated there were additional funds needed for KCI Technologies. He stated these funds include supervision/project management on roadway/bridge/culvert repairs on Wynn Lake Rd, Hembree Rd bridge, and pipe replacements on various County roads. This amount also includes other work requested by the County.

Motion to approve the additional funds.

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.

**f. Road: Backhoe Purchase**

Ch. Turk stated the City of Homer was selling a 2007 backhoe with less than 1000 hours on it for \$35,000 and wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted to purchase it.

Commissioner Ausburn stated he was concerned with the age and if the Road Department really needed another backhoe or could use a dump truck more.

Motion to deny the purchase.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**g. Surplus Property/Sale**

A list of county property was provided that included vehicles and equipment that no longer served a public purpose.

Ch. Turk stated the surplus property list needed to be approved for the Sale of Surplus Equipment on January 20, 2024.

Motion to approve the surplus list.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of Surplus list filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-1)*

**h. Senior Center: Legacy Link RFP**

Senior Center/Transit Director Tracie Hammond stated it was time for the annual Legacy Link RFP.

Motion to approve the RFP pending County Attorney approval.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of RFP filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-1)*

**i. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Ch. Turk stated this was a work session to discuss changes and concerns for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan. Ch. Turk turned the meeting over to Adam Hazzel Planning Director, GMRC

Ch. Turk also stated what brought us here was the Comp Plan stated that the County didn't have a long term plan but it does so that was added to the plan.

Mr. Hazell and the Commissioners discussed items that were in question. Mr. Hazell stated the Comprehensive Plan was just a guide but you could be more stringent in local zoning and planning codes. He also stated there would be additional work done concerning the Martin Bridge and Banks Crossing Corridors.

Comm. Ausburn thanked the committee that had worked on the plan and stated it was a much better document than it was 5 years ago.

Barbara Lindorme discussed some of the concerns she had with the area labor profile and the conservation subdivisions.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk