



# BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order. He also stated Comm. Gardiner was absent because of a family emergency and please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

#### PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk  
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell  
Commissioner Chris Ausburn  
Commissioner Bo Garrison

#### STAFF

County Clerk Regina Gailey  
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker  
Fire Chief Steve Nichols  
County Attorney Randall Frost

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add: 4D. Fire EMS Grant

Add: 4E. Executive Session - Land Acquisition - Personnel

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

### 3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Ch. Turk led the Pledge to the American Flag.

### 4. MISCELLANEOUS:

#### a. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Adoption Resolution

Ch. Turk stated there were some changes to the plan that still had not been made.

Barabara Lindorme – 980 Bennett Road, Homer – Stated the following changes had not been made.

*Page 18, Third paragraph to only read: "The Rural Agricultural character area comprises most of the County".*

*Page 24, Second paragraph to only read: "The area's current state provides connectivity for local users seeking an alternative to US 441, and active farming in the area embodies the rural character craved by many residents."*

*Page 26, Second paragraph to read: "The character area is intended to support commercial uses constrained to ¼ air mile from the outer edge of the right-of-way of US 441 at major intersections, in particular US 441 North and Old US 441, US 441 and McCoy Bridge Rd, US 441 and GA 51, US 441 South and Historic Homer Highway to serve local residents. This nodal development of commercial uses versus linear, "strip center" development common along US highways is desired for this corridor in order to maintain US 441's functionality as a bypass."*

*The map also should be changed to show the ¼ air mile.*

The Commissioners stated they would go back and get the changes made.

**b. Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) Voting Delegate and Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) Consideration**

Ch. Turk stated the GA Opioid Settlement Committee needed a voting delegate from Banks County and the meetings would be in Dawsonville.

Motion to appoint Ch. Turk as the voting member to the GA Opioid Settlement Committee.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**c. Courthouse Annex Roof Repair Quotes & Contract**

Ch. Turk stated the Annex roof needed repair and there were three prices from Iron Clad Roofing.

There were three options for repairs.

Option 1: Repair current leaks only - \$1,650

Option 2: Coat all seams and penetrations on entire roof - \$9,345

Option 3: Full coat job of entire roof - \$63,250

Motion to approve Option 2 from Iron Clad Roofing in the amount of \$9,345 with a 5 yr. warranty to be paid for from the Capital Fund.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**d. Fire/EMS Grant**

Chief Nichols stated they had been working on a grant from FEMA/GEMA that would allow them to complete the outfitting of outlying volunteer stations that would include generators so when the power went out they would have heat. Chief Nichols stated the grant funds would also include a generator for the Pless Road Water Tank and a transfer switch for the Annex.

Chief Nichols further stated that the grant total would be \$107,280 with the County portion being \$26,820. The grant had been applied for and approved and he was just asking permission to proceed with the bid process and get an actual cost of the equipment.

Motion to proceed with the grant and bid process and the funds would be paid from SPLOST.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**e. Executive Session: Land Acquisition & Personnel**

Motion to enter into executive session concerning land acquisition and personnel at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to close the executive session at 7:51 p.m.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Turk stated there was no action concerning the executive session.

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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