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| Banks County Established 1858 Seal | **Banks County Board of Commissioners Meeting** |
| Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547 |
| Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM |
| **Minutes** |

**1.** **CALL TO ORDER**

Ch. Griffith called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT**  
Chairman Taylor Griffith  
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell  
Commissioner Chris Ausburn  
Commissioner Keith Gardiner  
Commissioner Bo Garrison

**STAFF PRESENT**

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Deputy County Clerk Erin Decker

Human Resources Director Arlene Ivey

County Attorney Karen Pachuta

**2.** **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

\*  Move 10. Miscellaneous to 7. Boards and Authorities

\*  Move 11. Code Amendment Initiations to 8. Previous Business Action

\*  Add 8 d. Extended Stay Hotel Code Amendment

\*  Add Litigation/Personnel to Executive Session

Motion to approve the agenda was amended.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**3.** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. 4/8/2025 Minutes**

**b. 4/22/2025 Minutes**

**c. 4/29/2025 Minutes**

**d. 4/30/2025 Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**4.** **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:**

Vice Chairman Maxwell led the Pledge to the American Flag.

**5.** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Griffith stated the Commissioners had been working on the upcoming FY2026 budget for several weeks.

**6.** **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**a. Planning Commission:  Z-25-04 An application has been submitted by Ben Payne to Rezone the properties identified as B49 041, B49 041A, and B49 043, three parcels of approximately 57.67 acres located on Free Dr. from CAD- consolidated agriculture district, intensive to ARR­ agricultural, rural, residential to be combined and reconfigured for family residences and farm.**

Motion to open the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Atty Pachuta stated Z-25-04 was an application that had been submitted by Ben Payne to rezone the properties identified as B49 041, B49 041A, and B49 043, three parcels of approximately 57.67 acres located on Free Dr. from CAD- consolidated agriculture district, intensive to ARR­ agricultural, rural, residential to be combined and reconfigured for family residences and farm.

Atty Pachuta stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

**In Favor of the Application**

***Ben Payne - 150 Free Dr., Homer, GA*** - Stated previously he had put different parcels in CAD because of farm loans he had but now he wanted to put all his farm back in ARR.

No one spoke in opposition of the application.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**b. Planning Commission: Z-25-05 An application has been submitted by 441 Diesel to Rezone the properties identified as B53F 020 and B53F 023, approximately 5.632 acres located on Hwy 164 at Hwy 441 from ARR- agricultural, rural, residential to C2- commercial to be used for the expansion of the 441 Diesel business.**

 Ch. Griffith stated this application had been withdrawn.

**c. Planning Commission:  CU-25-05 An application has been submitted by Tri Nguyen for a Conditional Use on the property identified as B41 002, a 63.9-acre parcel on Ervin Chambers Rd to reduce the setbacks for a poultry farm.**

Motion to open the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Atty Pachuta stated CU-25-05 was an application that had been submitted by Tri Nguyen for a Conditional Use on the property identified as B41 002, a 63.9-acre parcel on Ervin Chambers Rd to reduce the setbacks for a poultry farm.

She further stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application.

**In Favor of the Application**

***Tri Nguyen - Ervin Chambers Rd*** - Stated he wanted to build poultry houses.

Ch. Griffith asked how many houses he would be building.  Mr. Nguyen stated he would be building 8 houses and needed reduced setbacks.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gardiner stated that he had talked to Wayne Sanderson Farms about using the Hwy 98 end of Ervin Chambers Road for entering the farm and also asked them if the delivery and pickup trucks would keep their speed slow.

Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the application.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

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**d. Planning Commission:  Official Zoning Map of Banks County Update**

Chairman Griffith stated our most recent zoning map was a 2006 version so this would be a good update.  He further stated that the Planning Commission had held their public hearing.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Griffith presented the zoning map and stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Zoning Map.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the Zoning Map.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the zoning map update.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

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**e. Planning Commission:  Code Amendments**

Motion to table the Code Amendments until the June 10, 2025, meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**7.** **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**a. Coroner: Deputy Coroner**

Ch. Griffith stated currently we had two acting Deputy Coroners and the second was supposed to be approved by the Commissioners if they wanted to allow an additional deputy coroner and this statue was in O.C.G.A 45-16-7 C.  He further stated that if we wanted to leave it like it was no action needed to be taken or we could vote to allow an additional Deputy Coroner.

No action was taken.

**b. Finance:  Sheriff's Office FY2025 Budget Amendment**

Ch. Griffith stated that the Sheriff informed him via email about two hours ago that he wouldn't be present at the meeting. He continued to state there was a requested overage this year and stated that the budget was approved at $7.3 million and the Sheriff was requesting an additional $500,000 on top of the $7.3 million. Ch. Griffith further stated he didn't feel it was appropriate to allocate anymore funds if they couldn't come here and justify the need for additional funds.

**c. Library Addition:  Lori Bork Newcomer**

Stacy Krumnow with the Banks County Library stated they had been awarded a 90/10 grant for an addition to the library.  She was asking the Commissioners to help with the match.

Lori Newcomer with Architectural Collaborative stated they were hired by the Piedmont Regional Library System to help with the construction plans, sending out the RFP and construction management of the project.

She stated the project included a 126-person multi-purpose meeting room along with some upgrades and additional projects that would bring the library up to ADA compliance. She stated the construction budget was $795,000.  She stated the local contribution would be $100,000.

Ms. Newcomer stated it would be ideal to have a commitment of funds within the next three weeks, but the funds would not be needed until early to mid-fall.

No action was taken.

**d. Public Utilities:  Ford F250 4x4**

Chad Wilbanks stated he was still waiting on a few more quotes for the truck.

**e. Public Utilities: Water/Sewer Fees**

Ch. Griffith asked Attorney Pachuta since we were discussing proposed new water and sewer fees was there any public hearing that needed to happen.  She stated no but there needed to be an effective date stated for when the new fees would go into effect.

Mr. Wilbanks stated he had cleaned up the fee structure and discussed a conservation rate fee schedule which included changes in commercial rates plus sewer and leachate rates. He also stated that this change wouldn't affect residential fees very much and the minimal usage fee stayed the same but included an increase in gallons used. Mr. Wilbanks stated that he did not change the tap and connection fees.

Comm. Ausburn wanted to make sure this change wouldn't hurt the farmers.

Ch. Griffith stated the point of the change wasn't to hammer the residents or farmers with increased fees.

Motion to approve the fee schedule for Public Utilities with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Fees filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**f. Courts: Bailiff Pay**

Ch. Griffith stated that the current bailiff pay per day was $75 and he had received a letter from the Grand Jury requesting that the bailiff daily pay be increased to $130 per day starting January 1, 2026.

Commissioners stated they were in the middle of budgets and would discuss at a later time.

No action was taken.

**g. Hotel/Motel Tax**

Ch. Griffith stated there was some issues with the current DMO so he had spoken with Explore Georgia, which was a statewide tourism entity, about promoting the County.   He stated the concern initially with them was that he didn't want the money to be put into a giant pot and be spread all over the state and not really specifically benefit Banks County but after talking to them that was not the case.  You tell them what you want to market and how you want to market it and they put a proposal together and do it. Chairman Griffith continued to stated they we had some funds that needed to be spent before the end of the fiscal year so Explore Georgia was getting the County a proposal together so we can stay compliant.  He further stated they were putting together a proposal for all of next year.

Commissioner Ausburn stated this would ensure that our hotel/motel tax was spent in a lawful and legal way.

Ch. Griffith stated this would be a legal way and potentially generate more hotel/motel tax because its being marketed properly.  He further stated if we did decide to contract with a local group at some point we could do that after the contract with Explore Georgia was up.

**8. CODE AMENDMENT INITIATIONS**

**a. General Provisions:  1 Structure per Lot Provision**

Ch. Griffith stated this was an initiation to add to the code "1 Structure Per Lot".

Motion to initiate the process for General Provision - 1 Structure Per Lot.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**b. Noise Control Ordinance Amendment**

Chairman Griffith stated this was an initiation to start the process to update our Noise Control Ordinance. He stated our current noise control ordinance was pretty useless because it required a lot of equipment that we don't have and the proposed change would basically just enforce a noise control ordinance on electronically amplified sound.

Commissioner Garrison and Commission Ausburn both stated they would like a time limit added to the ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Logan Galloway stated he had an open case that he couldn't do anything about because we didn't have an enforceable noise ordinance.

Motion to initiate the process for the Noise Control Ordinance Amendment.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**c. Planned Unit Development (PUD)**

Chairman Griffith stated this was an initiation to remove Planned Unit Development from the Code.

Motion to initiate the process for Planned Unit Development.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**d. Extended Stay Hotel Code Amendment**

Chairman Griffith stated the purpose of updating this code section was to add some of the reinforcing measures of construction for extended stay hotels.

Commissioner Ausburn stated that if we did allow an extended stay hotel we needed to make sure it was a nice one.

Motion to start the process for amending the code for an extended stay hotel.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**9.** **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:**

**a. Roads & Bridges: CR231/Yonah Homer Rd at Hudson River Trib. 6.8 MI NW of Homer - PI 0019109**

Chairman Griffith stated this was approved by the Commissioners unanimously on September 10, 2024.

Motion to proceed with PI 0019109 CR231/Yonah Homer Rd at Hudson River Trib. 6.8 MI NW of Homer and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of MOA filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**b. Roads & Bridges: CR231/Yonah Homer Rd at Hudson River Trib 6.4 MI NW of Homer - PI 0019110**

Motion to proceed with CR231/Yonah Homer Rd at Hudson River Trib 6.4 MI NW of Homer - PI 0019110 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of MOA filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**c. Roads & Bridges: CR62/Sims Bridge Rd at Grove Creek 8.1 MI SE of Homer - PI 0019111**

Motion to proceed with CR62/Sims Bridge Rd at Grove Creek 8.1 MI SE of Homer - PI 0019111 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of MOA filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**d. Roads & Bridges: CR63/Duncan Rd at Hudson River Trib 9.9 MI SE of Homer - PI 0019112**

Motion to proceed with CR63/Duncan Rd at Hudson River Trib 9.9 MI SE of Homer - PI 0019112 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of MOA filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**e. Roads & Bridges: 2025 LRA No Match - Emory Chambers Road**

Chairman Griffith stated GDOT was awarding the County Local Road Assistance Funds in the amount of $648,847.49.  He stated this funding did not require a match and was proposing that the funds be spent on Emory Chambers Road.  The project would consist of improving drainage, patching and resurfacing of 2.45 miles of road. The cost estimate of the project was $729,000 and the remainder of the funding would come from the 2023 TSPLOST.

Motion to approve the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison  Vote: 5:0 All yea votes and the motion passed.

**f. County Facilities: Landscaping RFP Bid Award & Contract**

Ch. Griffith stated there was a Lanscape RFP put out for grassing cutting at County facilities and there were four bids received.  He stated the lowest bids were as follows:

Area A: Yellowstone Landscape - $28,800

Area B: Yellowstone Landscape - $15,000

Area C: B&KK Services - $10,850

Motion to accept the low bid from Yellowstone Landscaping for Area A in the amount of $28,800 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract pending the County Attorney approval.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Contract filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

Motion to accept the low bid from Yellowstone Landscaping for Area B in the amount of $15,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract pending the County Attorney approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to accept the low bid from B&KK Services for Area C in the amount of $10,850 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract pending the County Attorney approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Contract filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**g. Public Utilities: City of Commerce Easement - Wastewater Treatment Plant - Ind. Pk Blvd.**

Chairman Griffith stated the City of Commerce was asking for an easement that would go through the wastewater treatment plant property located on Industrial Park Dr.

Motion to accept the easement and authorize the Chairman to sign the document.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion.

***(Copy of Easement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**h. Coroner:  Jackson County Intergovernmental Agreement**

Chairman Griffith stated this was an agreement between Jackson County Coroner's Office and Banks County Coroner's Office to allow Banks County access to the Jackson County Morgue for a yearly amount of $1,200.

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement pending County Attorney approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**10.** **BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:**

**a. Development Authority:  4-year term to finish unexpired term of Jimmy Morrison to end 2/28/2027**

Motion to appoint Barbara Lindorme to the Development Authority to finish the unexpired term to end on 2/28/2027.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**b. Industrial Building Authority:  to finish unexpired term of Jimmy Morrison to end 9/30/2027**

Motion to appoint Barbara Lindorme to the Industrial Building Authority to finish the unexpired term to end on 9/30/2027.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**c. Joint Development Authority: 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028**

Motion to appoint Barbara Lindorme to the Joint Development Authority for an unexpired term to end on 12/31/2028.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**d. Library Board:  3-year term to expire 6/30/2028**

Motion to appoint Suzanne Rodgers to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire on 6/30/2028.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**11** **PREVIOUS BUSINESS ACTION:**

**a. Recreation:  Basketball Goals**

Ch. Griffith stated that we had previously gotten several quotes for basketball goals. Commissioner Garrison was able to get a quote for 4 goals for the amount of $8,850 from Alco Manufacturing.  He stated the county maintenance would install them.

Motion to purchase 4 basketball goals from Alco Manufacturing in the amount of $8,850 to be paid for the 2022 SPLOST.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**b. Tabled 4/8/2025:  Zoning: Recommend Dividing Industrial Zone into M-1, Industrial and M-2, Light Industrial**

Motion to untable the item.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to deny the zoning recommendation.

Motion made by Chairman Griffith, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

**12.** **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**a. Chris Andrews: Soapstone Road**

Chris Andrews - 185 May St., Cornelia - Stated he owned 125 acres on Soapstone Road and currently doesn't have access to the property.  He further stated he was the only property owner that didn't have access to his property and was requesting the County to maintain the road to his property.

Commissioners discussed talking with the road department about fixing the road.

**13.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and litigation at 8:22 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to close the executive session at 9:40 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Affidavit filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2)***

**14.** **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.  
Voting Yea: Chairman Griffith, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Ausburn, Commissioner Gardiner, Commissioner Garrison

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk