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| Banks County Established 1858 Seal | **Banks County Board of Commissioners Called Meeting** |
| Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547 |
| Tuesday, June 03, 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**

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Deputy County Clerk Erin Decker

County Attorney Karen Pachuta

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

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

Add: 4. Executive Session: Litigation/Personnel

Change: 5. Public Comment

 6. Adjournment

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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.

**3.** **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**a. County Boundary Survey**

Ch. Griffith stated facts about the county boundary line as follows:

* Banks County was created by an act of the State Legislature in 1858.
* The legal Boundary of Banks County has not been amended in over 165 years.
* Up until 2024, you could get 2 different maps with 2 different versions of the County Boundary, depending on what type of map you requested.
* The Georgia Department of Transportation, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission, and historical county maps all portray the county boundary in a way that is inconsistent with the way Banks County has portrayed it over the last several years.
* Considerable research has been completed by the County and the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission to determine which portrayal is most likely an accurate representation of the Legal Boundary of Banks County.
* The Legal Description of the boundary of Banks County, found in the county’s enabling act from 1858, gives a description of the boundary that differs with the way the county has portrayed it in various maps over the last several years.
* An official County boundary survey is the only way to definitively confirm the location and trajectory of the legal boundary of Banks County.

Ch. Griffith read the proposed resolution that called for a boundary line survey to be performed by the county surveyor.

Motion to approve the resolution.

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

Vote: 4:1

Majority vote and the motion passed.

***(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-2) 2025-18***

**4.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION/PERSONNEL**

Motion to enter into executive session for litigation and personnel at 6:40 p.m.

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.

Motion to close the executive session at 7:00 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.

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ch. Griffith asked if there were any public comment and no one spoke.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Vote: 0:5

All nay votes and the motion failed.

The following spoke about the county boundary line:

Steven Giles - 1362 Scales Creek Road, Homer, GA  30547

Jason Bond - 904 Historic Homer Hwy, Homer, GA  30547

**5.** **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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.

 Chairman

Deputy County Clerk