

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

**Members Present**

Chairman Charles Turk  
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell  
Commissioner David Duckett  
Commissioner Sammy Reece  
Commissioner Keith Gardiner

**Staff Present**

County Clerk Jenni Gailey  
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

**Media Present**

Rob Moore, Access North Georgia  
Mark Beardsley, Banks County News

**1. Call to Order**

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

16. Homeland Grant

17. Adjournment

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Turk reported the following:

- E911 answered 4,053 total calls. Fire/EMS – 285 calls, Sheriff's Office – 3,347 calls, other agency calls – 582
- Moccasin Gap Road water line installation was progressing with at least 1,200 ft installed.
- Many roads were in need of repairs due to heavy rains. Purvis Road was washed out and 5 families were trapped but the road was now passable thanks to Griffin Brothers repairing the road.

**4. Pledge to the American Flag**

Ch. Turk led the Pledge to the American Flag

**5. Approval of Invoices**

Motion to approve the invoices: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**6. Approval of Minutes – 9/8, 9/22**

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE**

**8. Proclamation: Lydia McClure Day**

**Deidra Moore**

Deidra Moore E911/EMA Director stated that November 4<sup>th</sup> would be declared Lydia McClure Day in honor of the service provided by Lydia McClure during her lifetime. Her service directly impacted Banks County for the betterment of our community. Mrs. Moore stated that November 4, 1994, 26 years ago, was the day the first E911 call was received under the direction of Mrs. Lydia McClure.

*(Copy of Proclamation filed in Attachment to Minute Book 10-3)*

**9. Nails Creek Baptist Church Annual Youth Hunt – Windmill Park**

Comm. Reece stated Nails Creek Baptist Church was asking permission to have the Annual Youth Hunt on November 27 – 28, 2020. He stated he had talked with DNR Agent Adam Loudermilk about the hunt. He stated the hunt was possible but there would not be an orientation as normal because of the COVID-19 concerns.

Motion to approve the youth hunt: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

**10. SAFER Grant**

**Steve Nichols**

Fire Chief Steve Nichols stated this grant would provide salaries for 6 employees. The total value of the grant was \$1.4M.

Motion to accept the grant and authorize the Chairman to sign: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**11. Road & Bridge Construction Inspection Agreement Addendum – KCI Technologies**

Ch. Turk stated this was an addendum for the Construction Inspection Agreement for additional hours in the amount of \$13,200. This would include 15 days for construction supervision for ongoing paving projects on Sample Scales Rd, Bellamy Rd, Garland White Rd, Mt. View Rd and Taylor Road at the cemetery. It also includes an additional 5 days for construction supervision on future paving projects and other road and bridge work that may be requested by the County. The additional hours for a total amount of \$13,200 would be paid for from the 2018 Road and Bridge SPLOST.

Motion to approve the additional hours to be paid for from the 2018 Road and Bridge SPLOST: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**12. Planning Commission – 4-year term – current member AJ Purcell**

Ch. Turk stated that applications from Chris Ausburn and Kellie Weeks had been received.

Motion to appoint Chris Ausburn to the Planning Commission for a four-year term: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vice Ch. Maxwell stated that he would like to table the item since there wasn't a deadline for receiving applications. This would allow time to review both applications. Ch. Turk asked if he would like to amend the motion and he stated yes.

Motion to amend Ch. Turk's motion to table the item until the November 10, 2020 meeting: Danny Maxwell

Second: Keith Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**13. Planning Commission – 4-year term - current member Jack Stewart**

Motion to appoint Jack Stewart for another 4-year term: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**14. Department of Family & Children Service Board – 5-year term – current member Diane Cochran**

Motion to appoint Diane Cochran for another 5-year term: Keith Gardiner

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**15. Department of Behavioral & Development Disabilities Board – 3-year term – current member Dr. Melody Stancil**

Motion to appoint Dr. Melody Stancil for another 3-year term pending Dr. Stancil's acceptance: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**16. Homeland Grant**

Ms. Moore stated this was a non-matching grant in the amount of \$50,000 for security at the Courthouse Annex.

Motion to accept the grant and authorize Ch. Turk to sign the grant: Keith Gardiner

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

**17. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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