

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

Chairman Jimmy Hooper
Vice Chairman David Duckett
Commissioner Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece
Commissioner Charles Turk

Staff Present

County Clerk Regina Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
911/EMA Director Deidra Moore

Media

Angela Gary, Banks County News
Rob Moore, Access North Georgia

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated that Item 10. needed to be amended as beer only.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion was passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated July 4th was to celebrate the country's birthday, September 11 a day of remembrance of a terrorist attack on U.S. soil, Memorial Day where we remember those that have served and gave their life for freedom but the most important day to him was June 6 which was the invasion of Normandy called D-Day. If it weren't for these men called The Greatest Generation, we wouldn't have the freedoms that we have today.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes: 5/6, 5/8, 5/10, 5/14

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Public Comment:

a. Alzheimer/Dementia Support Groups

Michelle Skeggs

Michelle Skeggs – Honey Dew Lane, Homer, GA – Ms. Skeggs stated that she thought Banks County should provide an Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group for the aging citizens in Banks County.

b. Water Bill

Harold Watkins

Harold Watkins – Sample Scales Road, Homer, GA – Mr. Watkins stated that his water pressure was finally correct and the repairs that he has had to make were because of too much pressure. He stated he thought the County should reimburse him for his expenses in repairing his waterline several times.

8. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. Z-19-04 – Capstone Acquisitions, LLC – Application to rezone property located at map/parcel B54D 065 and B54D 068 from C-2 General Commercial to R-2 Multi Family with conditions:

* **Lighted sidewalk from the entrance at Faulkner Road to the end of the property line**

* **Entrance at Faulkner Road to be “right in, right out” entrance/exit**

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Atty. Frost opened the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated the rules of the public hearing. He also stated this was a rezoning application to rezone parcel B54D 065 and B54D 068 from C-2 General Commercial to R-2 Multi Family. Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval at their regular meeting with the condition of a lighted sidewalk from the entrance at Faulkner Road to the end of the property line and an entrance at Faulkner Road to be “right in, right out” entrance/exit.

Jonathan Collins – 1485 Jesse Jewell Pkwy, Gainesville, GA - Mr. Collins stated he was a commercial developer and owner of the project. He stated there would be approximately 230 units that would accommodate the younger working class. Also, there would be multiple access points for entering and exiting the complex.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting. Comm. Turk asked about having a right in and right out on Faulkner Road and he thought it would be better to have accel and decel lanes. Ch. Hooper asked about the terrain of the land being steep. Mr. Collins stated that multi-family housing is suitable for any terrain.

Motion to approve the rezoning with the conditions of a lighted sidewalk from the entrance at Faulkner Road to the end of the property line and an accel and decel lane at the Faulkner Road entrance and E. Ridgeway Road entrance: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)

b. Z-19-05 – Development Authority of Banks County – Application to rezone property located at map/parcel B54D 041A from C-2 General Commercial to M-1 Industrial.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Atty. Frost opened the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated the rules of the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated this was a rezoning application to rezone property located at map/parcel B54D 041A from C-2 General Commercial to M-1 Industrial. Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Hannah Mullins – Development Authority of Banks County – 150 Hudson Ridge, Homer – Ms. Mullins stated when Eisenhower Drive was constructed it split the Chamber of Commerce property and the Development Authority property and it made more sense to swap properties so they would connect instead of being separated.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the rezoning request: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

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c. Z-19-06-Banks County Chamber CVB – Application to rezone the property located at map/parcel B54D 047D from M-1-Industrial to C-2 General Commercial.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Atty. Frost opened the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated the rules of the public hearing. Atty. Frost stated this was a rezoning application to rezone property located at map/parcel B54D 047D from M-1 Industrial to C-2 General Commercial. Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Hannah Mullins – Development Authority of Banks County – 150 Hudson Ridge, Homer – Ms. Mullins stated the Chamber and the Development Authority had exchanged property and needed to rezone the property.

Atty. Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to rezone the property: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 4:0

Abstain: Charles Turk because he is currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce/CVB Board.

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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9. Ronny R. Donley – Sonny’s BBQ located at 30975 Hwy 441S, Commerce, GA 30529 – Application for license: consumption on the premises for distilled spirits, beer and wine **Paul Ruark**

Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated Sonny’s BBQ had applied for consumption of distilled spirits, beer and wine. The owner currently had beer pouring and wanted to have distilled spirits. Mr. Ruark stated they was in compliance and had paid the fees.

Motion to approve the application: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Ismelda Hernandez – Taqueria Y Mas located at 30484 Hwy 441S, Commerce, GA 30529 – Application for license; consumption on the premises for beer **Paul Ruark**

Zoning Officer Paul Ruark stated the owner had paid the fees and passed the background check.

Motion to approve the application: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Eterno Lane and Lois Lane Waterline

Ch. Hooper stated the whole project could be completed for \$4,000. Comm. Turk asked how many meters would be purchased? Ch. Hooper stated at least two to begin with. Comm. Turk stated at least three needed to be purchased to make a return on the funds spent.

Motion to approve the waterline installation with the stipulation that at least three customers connect:

Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Patrol Car Broadband Routers Bid Award

Ms. Moore stated she only received one bid but she did get two quotes. RCN was the lowest quote with a price of \$1,415.77 per unit. Ms. Moore stated a total of 25 units with a router and bubble antenna were needed. The total cost of the project would be \$35,979.25 with turnkey installation.

Motion to approve the routers: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

13. Boards & Authorities:

a. Elections Board – 4 year term

b. Elections Board – 4 year term

c. Georgia Mountain Community Services Board – 3 year term

Motion to table appointments until July 9, 2019 meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

d. Development Authority – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Scott Ledford: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

e. Development Authority – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Jeff Lewallen: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

f. Development Authority – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Jimmy Morrison: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

g. Department of Family & Children Services Board – 5 year term

Motion to appoint Louann Gardiner: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

h. Zoning Appeals Board – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Ed Barrett: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

i. Zoning Appeals Board – 4 year term

Motion to reappoint Gordon Worley: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

j. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board – 1 year

Motion to reappoint Danny Maxwell: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Abstain: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

k. Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board – 1 year

Motion to reappoint Vicki Boling: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

14. FY2020 Budget

Randy Failyer Finance Officer stated the FY2020 had not been adopted yet and this resolution would be giving the County authorization to continue operation until August 31, 2019 or until the FY2020 budget is approved.

Motion to approve the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1) 2019-03

15. Contracts & Agreement:

Randy Failyer

a. FY2020 Senior Center Nutrition Program Services Contract – Legacy Link

Mr. Failyer stated the contract was for Meal on Wheels for FY2020.

Motion to approve the contract: Danny Maxwell

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1)

b. Historic Courthouse Repair & Maintenance Bid Award – Burt Home Improvement

Andy Waldrop – Banks County Historical Society – Presented a bid in the amount of \$24,200 to re-glaze and repaint the windows at the Historic Courthouse. Ch. Hooper stated he had a name of an additional contractor that Mr. Waldrop could get a quote from and Comm. Turk stated he would need to have three bids before the project could be considered.

c. Hebron Road Waterline Repair Bid Award

Mr. Failyer stated he had received two quotes for the replacement of the waterline. He stated Griffin Brothers was the lowest quote in the amount of \$35,394.94 and the repair would be paid from the 2017 SPLOST.

Motion to accept the low quote from Griffin Brothers in the amount of \$35,394.94 and to be paid from the 2017 SPLOST Fund: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

16. Georgia Department of Transportation Speed Zoning Ordinance

Motion to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance for various State and County roads: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of ordinance filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #10-1) 2019-04

17. FY2020 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal - \$261,166.

Ch. Hooper stated the insurance had increased simply because of claims.

Motion to approve the FY2020 policy: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

18. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
