

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called worksession/meeting on April 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present:

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

Commissioner Danny Maxwell was absent.

Staff Present:

County Clerk Regina Gailey
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Media Present:

Banks County News Angela Gary
Access North GA Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. FY2020 Budget

Department budgets were discussed as follows:

- Senior Center
Add 2 positions - \$43,000
Ch. Hooper stated he saw the need. Comm. Turk stated he needed more facts. Comm. Duckett stated he had no objections. Comm. Reece stated he would wait for more facts.
- Extension Service Lauren Morris
 - Ms. Morris requested that the existing part time position be made fulltime. She stated the Board of Education agreed to contribute \$6,000 for the program. The actual county expense would be \$24,000. All Commissioners agreed.
 - Comm. Reece stated a new transport bus needed to be considered.
- Roads:
 - Purcell Rd
Vice Ch. Duckett stated 2 bids had been received for stumping & grading and recommended Ivester & Sons at \$5,500. He stated Hudson River Rolloff was the low bidder for stump disposal at \$280/load.
Motion to approve Ivester & Sons for stumping & grading at \$5,500: David Duckett
Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote 4-0
All aye votes and motion carried.

Motion to approve Hudson River Rolloff for stump disposal at \$280/load: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote 4-0
All aye votes and motion carried.

- Employee Raises

Vice Ch. Duckett stated the employees should be considered for a salary increase except the department head. Comm. Turk stated he would like to wait until the budget is near completion to consider salary increases. Ch. Hooper asked Vice Ch. Duckett to get with HR to come up with numbers.

- Hauling

Comm. Turk stated he would like to see hauling paid by Road & Bridge Tax funds. Vice Ch. Duckett asked that \$100,000 be placed in the budget for hauling. Comm. Turk and Comm. Reece disagreed. Ch. Hooper stated \$50,000 would be a compromise. All agreed.

- Probate Court Judge Helen Hewell
 - Judge Hewell requested that the county pay the 3% match on Pepsco retirement. Comm. Reece stated this would be considered later.
- Mapping/GIS Karen Burry
 - HR Officer Arlene Ivey recommended reclassification from Class #14 to class #26 with a \$41,000 minimum which would include a salary increase.
 - Ms. Burry stated the need for a stand-alone server dedicated for GIS. Comm. Turk stated the purchase could be paid from the Capital Fund and the ongoing maintenance contract could remain in the technical budget line.
- Superior Ct Stephen Nevels
- Juvenile Ct Stephen Nevels
- Magistrate Ct Judge Ivan Mote
 - Judge Mote requested 2 part time satellite judge positions including the current plus one more position would involve a \$6,057 increase in the budget. Ch. Hooper stated he supported the request.

The meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

- Jail Sheriff Carlton Speed/Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson
 - Salaries
Sheriff Speed stated the bulk of the increase was for salary increases for certified deputies. The increases will be considered later in the budget process.
 - Medical Fees
Sheriff Speed proposed moving the nurse schedule from a 4-hour schedule to a 6-hour schedule.

- Sheriff Sheriff Carlton Speed/Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson
 - Equipment includes SWAT gear for 12 officers.

- Fire/EMS Fire Chief Steve Nichols
 - Chief Nichols stated future plans would include another med unit somewhere in the county possibly in the Rock Springs area. He also stated the possibility of moving Station 51 out to the 441 bypass.

- E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore
 - Salaries will be considered later in the budget process.

3. Adjournment

Ch. Hooper adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
