

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on August 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey
Public Utilities Director Steve Reece
Economic Developer Brad Day

Media Present

Access North Georgia - Rob Moore
Banks County News – Angela Gary

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Danny Maxwell
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated the “haters” is not a new word. He said 2,000 years ago a man named Saul became Paul because he was forgiven. He also stated we should all forgive.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

6. Marion Cape Road Waterline Request

John Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell stated he was speaking on behalf of the residents and requested a water line be run down the remainder of Marion Cape Rd even though he lived on Marion Cape Ln. He stated there were multiple residents and potential residents that would need county water. Comm. Turk stated there was a 2” line already there to just past address #291. Director Reece stated the existing 2” line had reached its maximum pressure capacity and recommended no less than a 6” line be run for adequate service to the area. Comm. Turk stated the 6” ductile iron pipe would be approximately \$173,700. Comm. Reece stated the cost for running a 6” line was a concern considering the number of citizens it would serve.

Mr. Mitchell also stated that fire protection was also a concern for his property since he had lived on the property for 34 years.

7. Gowder Rd Relocation Bid Award & Contract Approval

Motion to approve Griffin Brothers, Inc. as low bidder at \$81,605.40 to be paid from the 2012 SPLOST Fund and the 2017 LMIG and to approve the contract pending the county attorney approval: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 4:0

Vote was as follows:

Hooper: Aye

Maxwell: Aye

Duckett: Aye

Turk: Abstained

Motion passed by majority vote.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

8. John Morris Rd Relocation Bid Award & Contract Approval

Motion to approve Griffin Brothers, Inc. as low bidder at \$380,363.59 to be paid from the 2012 SPLOST Fund and the 2017 LMIG and to approve the contract pending the county attorney approval: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

9. Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Application – GMRC

Brad Day

Mr. Day stated this was a pre-application and application for a grant to assist with the Comprehensive Plan preparation. The county budgeted \$50,000 for the plan preparation which can be used for the 50/50 match grant from ARC which would result in \$100,000 to spend toward the plan if a grant is approved.

Motion to approve the contract at no cost to the county: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

10. FY2018 Law Clerk Agreement – Piedmont Circuit

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this amount was already in the budget.

Motion to agreement in the amount of \$5,054.01 as the Banks County 12% portion: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

11. Exxon Food Mart Alcohol License Transfer

Ch. Hooper stated this was a transfer with all requirements met and the applicable fees paid.

Motion to approve the transfer: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

12. FY2018 Budget Resolution

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated a public hearing had been previously held. Ch. Hooper expressed appreciation for all involved in the budget process.

Motion to approve the resolution in the amount of \$15,972,741: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9) 2017-11

13. Executive Session: Land Acquisition/Disposal

Motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition/disposal at 6:50 p.m.: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session and to reconvene the meeting 7:35 p.m.: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)

Development Authority Loan for Business Park Access Rd Construction

Motion to lend the Development Authority \$700,000 to be paid back by the Development Authority's portion of landfill tipping fees and the sale of the property within the Banks Crossing Business Park as collateral: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
