

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on July 11, 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

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 amend the agenda to add “11. *Personal Property Audit Services Contract – Traylor Business Services, Inc.*”, “12. *Windmill Park Infield Soil Improvements & Well*” and to swap Items #8 & #9: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper expressed sorrow for the loss of Linda Whitlock who was a friend and an asset to Banks County and was a good person who did her best every day.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper 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 motion passed.

6. Approval of Minutes – 6-13, 6/27

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Carlton Speed

a. P Cards

Sheriff Speed stated he and Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson would carry the purchasing cards with a \$4,000 limit to be used for mainly travel expenses.

Motion to approve the P Cards with a \$4,000 limit: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

b. Firing Range

Sheriff Speed stated Carter Engineering had proposed a plan for the renovation of the firing range for \$6,700.

Motion to approve the engineering work by Carter Engineering for \$6,700: 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)*

c. Body Bug

Sheriff Speed stated undercover security is a concern for his agents. He stated the GBI had recommended a body bug that works with a smart phone for approximately \$20,000.

9. County Projects Report

Project status was reported as follows:

Wofford Station Parkway Construction – talks with DOT on funding: Jimmy Hooper

Faulkner Rd Reroute – ROW acquisition nearing completion: Jimmy Hooper

Senior Center Construction/Renovation bid invitation released – due August 10th: Jenni Gailey

Candler Building Renovation underway: Sammy Reece

Gracepoint Fire Station Property Lease underway: Charles Turk

Fire Truck Search underway: Charles Turk

Wastewater Sprayfield Maintenance underway: Sammy Reece

County Personnel Policies due for first draft August 1st: Jimmy Hooper

Roads – John Morris Rd partial paving & Gowder realignment ready for bidding after receipt of soil & erosion plan approval: David Duckett

Event Center on hold: Jimmy Hooper

Website Traffic – June traffic 15,777 visits: Jenni Gailey

Striding For A Better Banks Festival-July 29th: Jenni Gailey

Grocery Store Research & proposed locations identified: Jimmy Hooper

Diana Food Construction underway: Jimmy Hooper

Windmill Park T Ball Complex & Parking in planning stage on Joe Krause Field: Danny Maxwell

David Academy Fire Station remodel complete: Jimmy Hooper

10. TSPLOST

Ch. Hooper stated he wished to initiate board consideration of a 1% Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for roads & transportation purposes only. This would have to be approved by the voters and projects with cost projections would have to be specified on the ballot. More research will be done concerning the imposition of the tax.

11. Personal Property Audit Services Contract – Traylor Business Services, Inc.

Ch. Hooper stated this was a renewal contract for FY2018 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-9)*

12. Windmill Park Infield Soil Improvements & Well

Ch. Hooper stated there were some problems with the infield on the new fields and stated UGA had made some suggestions for repair. He stated the county would check with the warranty of the contractor before proceeding with any repairs.

Ch. Hooper also stated the well that had been used to water the fields did not currently have sufficient pressure and needed to be checked.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
