

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called worksession/meeting on May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.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:

County Clerk Regina Gailey
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Media Present:

Banks County News Angela Gary

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5-0

All aye votes and motion carried.

3. FY2018 Budget

Department budgets were discussed as follows:

- **Wastewater** *Steve Reece*
 - Requested additional personnel
 - Comm. Reece & Comm. Turk suggested trying with just two employees first
 - Comm. Reece suggested subletting grass cutting
 - Director Reece stated he had rather a hire new employee for grass cutting unless they would guarantee repairing damage to any spray head damages
 - All agreed to research subletting grass cutting.
 - New lift station request - \$15,000 to be paid from the 2012 SPLOST
- **Water Administration**
- **Water Plant**
- **Water Distribution**
 - Trencher request - \$5,000 to be paid from 2012 SPLOST

BRIDGE Loan to Development Authority for Eisenhower Drive

Brad Day

Mr. Day stated the DVA would need to borrow \$500,000 for the construction of Eisenhower Drive. Comm. Turk asked him to spend the existing \$890,000 that the DVA has presently on

Eisenhower Drive or go to the bank and borrow the shortfall. Ch. Hooper stated he didn't have a problem with a BRIDGE loan for 6 to 9 months to be paid from the landfill tipping fees that the DVA currently receives. Comm. Reece stated he felt the county should receive interest on the loan however. Mr. Day stated they would need the funds within 2 months.

- **Human Resources** *Arlene Ivey*
 - Add cell phone for Ms. Ivey
 - Group Insurance Alternate Plan for those with dependents
 - Presented two plans but recommended plan as follows:
 - 8.25% increase in employee premiums from \$631/mo to \$685/mo
 - Family: \$1,114/mo to \$1,103/mo
 - These reduced premiums only affected coverage increases in out of network charges and RX charges with an 80/20 coverage plan
- **Magistrate Court** *Ivan Mote*
- **Governing Body**
- **Clerk of Superior Court** *Tim Harper*

The meeting went into recess at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

- **Senior Center** *Tracie Hammond*
- **Public Transportation** *Tracie Hammond*

Assistant County Clerk-Erin Decker

Jenni Gailey

Ms. Gailey recommended an increase for Erin Decker to compensate for two certifications she had previously received as required by her position. She stated this would place her at midpoint in the salary scale 17. She stated Ms. Decker had been with the county for 19+ years.

- **Recreation** *Brooke Whitmire*
 - "Maintenance/Construction" line item to "Athletic Assistant" at \$29,120
 - "Maintenance/Construction": Two existing part time positions
 - Add Part time Program Assistant at \$13,000 for up to 25 hrs/wk
 - Add 3 Seasonal positions at \$8,100 for up to 15 hr/wk
 - Motion to hire part time positions not to exceed stated amounts:
Jimmy Hooper
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5-0
All aye votes and motion carried
 - Ch. Hooper stated additional parking was needed at Windmill Park and suggested using Field #4 for parking and converting Field #5 to a 3 field t-ball complex. He stated Georgia Mountains Regional Commission offered services for planning for an hourly fee. All agreed to proceed with plan.
 - Ms. Whitmire asked that Hudson Valley Park be officially named and signage installed. All agreed to proceed and to plan a ceremony of designation.

4. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
