

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 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 Charles Turk
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present

County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Attorney Randall Frost

Media Present

Mainstreet News – Angela Gary
Access North Georgia - Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Moment of Reflection

Chairman Hooper stated one of his dearest and best friends and citizen of Banks County had passed away. Mr. Hooper led a Moment of Reflection in memory of Mr. Dink McCoy.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: David Duckett
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 3/14, 3/14, 3/28

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell
Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Proclamations:

a. Child Abuse Prevention Month – April

WHEREAS: Children are critical to Banks County's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. Children are our most valuable resource, and they are also our most vulnerable. Our children have a right to be safe and provided for opportunity to thrive, learn and grow in an environment that fosters healthy development; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem, as noted by the Banks County Department of Family and Children Services data revealing 59 substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in 2016, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening our families, thus, preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment and providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently, building the foundations of this community; and

WHEREAS: Effectively, intervening in the lives of children affected by abuse is a shared community responsibility. Child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies. The Banks County Department of Family and Children Services, Banks County Family Connection, Piedmont CASA, The Tree House, and the Banks County School System are committed to preventing child maltreatment and promoting positive parenting;

THEREFORE: That the Banks County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, urging all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Motion to approve the proclamation: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of proclamation filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

9. Diana Naturals, Inc. – Memorandum of Understanding Acknowledgement Scott Ledford

Scott Ledford, Development Authority Chairman presented a Memorandum of Understanding Acknowledgement.

Motion to approve the MOU: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of MOU filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

10. Fire/EMS:

a. Fire Truck Sales Agreement – HME, Inc.

Chief Steve Nichols

Steve Nichols, Fire Chief stated the department was in need of a new truck. The purchase of the new truck would replace a 1980 Chevy at David Academy Fire Station. The new truck will allow rotation of some trucks to move to different stations depending on how many calls they receive. Chief Nichols stated they had done an extensive search and found a 2016 HME Pumper that was actually a demo in the amount of \$290,000.

Motion to authorize the chairman to sign the sale agreement and purchase the HME Pumper in the amount of \$290,000 to be paid out of the Capital Account but to be reimbursed by 2017

SPLOST: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of sale agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

b. Fire Hose/Equipment Purchase Request

Chief Nichols stated the department needed additional hoses and nozzles to extinguish wildfires and he is also requesting a set of rescue jacks to be used for extrication. Chief Nichols stated the price of the hose and nozzles would be \$3,290 and the jacks were \$1,950.

Motion to approve the fire hose/equipment purchase to be paid out of the Capital Account in the amount of \$5,240: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Gunby Communications Site Lease Agreement – Internet Service

John Smith

Motion to approve the lease agreement with Gunby Communications: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

12. Gowder Rd & John Morris Rd Erosion Control Plan – KCI Technologies \$7,000

Erin Decker

Erin Decker Assistant County Clerk stated she had talked to EPD and they stated the County would have to have an erosion control plan because state funds were involved in the project. The total cost of the plan for Gowder Road and John Morris Road would be \$7,000.

Motion to approve the work authorization for the erosion control plan in the amount of \$7,000: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Charles Turk abstained because of the proximity of his property line to Gowder Road.

Vote: 4:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of work authorization filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

13. 2017 Propane Gas Bid

Randy Failyer, Finance Officer stated that bids were received from Amerigas for \$1.189/gallon and Piedmont Propane for \$.99/gallon.

Motion to approve the low bid from Piedmont Propane in the amount of \$.99/gallon: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

14. Superior Court –CSRA Probation Services, Inc. (Sentinel Offender Services Contract Assignment)

Ch. Hooper stated Sentinel had been bought out by CSRA Probation Services. He also stated the services would remain the same and would be used by Superior Court for probation.

Motion to approve the probation service contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

15. FY2017 FTA Transit Funding Contract Amendment - \$42,660

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated the current contract with DOT needed to be amended.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract amendment: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract amendment filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

16. FY2017 Senior Center Nutrition Program Services Contract Addendum #2 – Legacy Link **Randy Failyer**

Mr. Failyer stated the service contract needed to be amended.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract addendum: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of contract addendum filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

17. Executive Session: Land Acquisition/Disposal & Personnel

Motion to enter into executive session concerning land acquisition/disposal and personnel: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 6:47 p.m.

(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

Motion to close the executive session: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:00 p.m.

Nails Creek Fire Department Lease Agreement

Motion to enter into a 10yr lease agreement with the Garrison family for the Nails Creek Fire Dept.:

Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of lease filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

Property Condemnation Resolution - Premier Hotel Group, Inc. and Pinnacle Bank

Motion to condemn land for a slope and drainage easement for Premier Hotel Group, Inc. and Pinnacle

Bank: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8) 2017-03

Executive Session #2: Land Acquisition/Disposal

Motion to enter into executive session concerning land acquisition/disposal: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 7:01 p.m.

(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-8)

Motion to close the executive session: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
