

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

Media Present

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: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated that Memorial Day and D-Day had just recently passed and those were very important holidays because they stood for battles fought to preserve our freedom. He asked us to think about the question: Are we leaving a footprint? Are we making a difference?

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: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 5/15, 5/27

Motion to approve the previous months minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission: NONE

8. Public Utilities:

Steve Reece

a. Water Line Request for Mill Creek Rd:

James Elliott

Mr. Reece stated Mr. Elliot had requested a waterline be installed to his home. The cost of the 2" pipe and a flush hydrant would be \$8,695 and the cost of a 6" line was estimated to be \$45,000.

Mr. Elliott stated he would like the waterline installation to his home and one other for fire protection. He also stated if he would contribute \$20,000 if the County would install the waterline.

Ch. Hooper stated he would research the proposal and contact him at a later time.

b. Water Treatment Facility: Generator Bid Award

Steve Reece

Mr. Reece stated the low bid was Griffin Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$186,822.71. Vice Ch. Turk and Comm. Reece stated they were concerned with the company not being a generator dealer even though the bid advertisement didn't state the bidder had to be a generator dealer. The reason for the concern was the response time for a generator dealer would be quicker when something needs repaired.

Ch. Hooper made a motion to accept the low bid from Griffin Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$186,822.71.

There was no second to the motion.

Ch. Hooper stated due to the lack of a second and no action; it would be necessary to go through the whole bid process again.

9. Recreation: Windmill Park Improvement Bid Award

Jason Hensley

Ch. Hooper stated he would like to thank Vice Chairman Turk and Commissioner Maxwell for working diligently on the project. Jason Hensley, Chairman of the Recreation Board stated the board recommended Scroggs & Grizzel for the construction company to build the sports complex.

Motion to approve the bid and the funds be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Roads: Tractor Bid Award

Mr. Failyer stated Dickson Tractor was the low bidder for a MX100 CASE 2wd with Side Arm Boom in the amount of \$74,390.

Motion to approve the low bidder: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Board & Authorities:

Tabled: 5/12/2015

a. Board of Elections Member Replacement

Motion to remove the item from the table: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Motion made to approve the nominations by the Board of Elections of Tracey King and Carol Ayers and recommended Tracey King. The names will be submitted to the Superior Court Judge for the appointment of the replacement of Ms. Jordan.

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Dept of Family & Children Services Board

Motion to appoint Dianne Cochran for a four year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

c. Library Board

Motion to appoint Patty Whitfield for a three year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

d. Zoning Appeals Board

Motion to appoint Ed Barrett for a four year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

e. Zoning Appeals Board

Motion to appoint Gordon Worley for a four year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

f. Georgia Mountain Regional Commission: Danny Maxwell

Motion to appoint Danny Maxwell for a one year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

g. Georgia Mountain Regional Commission: Leslie George

Motion to appoint Leslie George for a one year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Hiring Freeze Lift: Code Enforcement Official

Motion to lift the hiring freeze for the Code Enforcement Official: Charles Turk
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

13. Contracts & Agreements:

a. Roads: Off System Safety Project Memorandum of Understanding – GADOT

Ms. Decker stated the MOU between GDOT and Banks County Commissioners stated that Banks County would be willing to clip the shoulders and remove the old road signs once the new ones were installed.

Motion to approve the MOU: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of MOU filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)

b. Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Gailey stated this was a MOU stating the Forestry Service and Banks County will lend mutual aid for fires if needed.

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

(Copy of MOU filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)

14. Ordinances and Resolutions:

a. Code Amendment: Timber Harvesting Ordinance

Ms. Gailey stated this year GA Code had changed some of the regulations involving timber harvesting including harvester notifications and bonds.

Motion to approve the code amendment: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-7) 2015-09

b. FY2016 Budget Continuation Operation Resolution

Mr. Failyer stated this was a resolution for continuing operation of Banks County, Georgia Pending the Adoption of the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget and recommended the end date be August 11, 2015 or upon adoption of the FY2016 budget.

Motion to adopt the resolution: Charles Turk
Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-7) 2015-10

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
