

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on May 12, 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

County Attorney Randall Frost
Finance Officer Randy Failyer
Personnel Officer Arlene Ivey
Economic Developer Brad Day
County Clerk Jenni Gailey

Media Present

Banks County News – Angela Gary

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated item “#10 Firefighter Gear Purchase Request” could be deleted.

Motion to amend the agenda: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper congratulated County Clerk Jenni Gailey for recently finding out she will be a grandmother of a baby girl in October. He stated he was thankful for mothers since Mother’s Day was this past Sunday.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 4/14, 4/28, 4/28

Motion to approve the minutes as previously provided: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. Personnel:

Arlene Ivey

a. Policy Amendment: Recruitment

Ms. Ivey stated the board had requested that the personnel policies be updated concerning recruiting of personnel.

Motion to approve the amendment: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried. (Copy of amendment filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6)

b. Part time Recreation Dept Personnel

Ms. Ivey asked that the Board lift the hiring freeze in order to hire a part time grass cutter for the Recreation Department to help alleviate some of the burden on the Road Crew and to allow them to spend more time on road work. She stated Mr. Failyer had received bids on contracting grass cutting and the lowest bid received was \$16,000. She stated to hire a part time worker up to 30 hours per week from April 1st through October 31st would be approximately \$8,600. She said she could begin advertising for the position as early as tomorrow. Motion to lift the hiring freeze to hire a part time grass cutter.

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

Motion to hire a part time grass cutter for up to 30 hours per week to be under the Recreation Department: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

c. Insurance Renewals

Ms. Ivey stated the insurance renewals for FY2016 are as follows:

Health Insurance: 2% increase resulting in a \$20,000 annual increase.

She stated she would offer high and low options for employees with dependent coverage.

Dental: 2% increase – employee paid

Vision: 6% increase – employee paid with rate locked in for 4 years

Long Term and Short Term Disability: Change from Lincoln Life to Dearborn Life resulting in a \$3,000 per year savings that will be locked in for 3 years.

She asked for permission from the board to allow the Chairman to sign the agreements.

Motion to approve the renewals and to authorize the Chairman to sign the policies: Sammy Reece
Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and motion carried.

9. Wood Street Water Line

Steve Reece

Mr. Reece stated a better option for installing the water line would be to install a 4" line from Sample Scales Rd to the Lee's property and then the Lees would install a 2" line from the property line to the chicken houses. He stated there had been 3 requests by other residents on the road to tap onto the line. He also stated there was potential for up to 15 additional taps on the 4" line. He said the Lees had expressed concerns with maintaining the 2" line for the full length of Woody Street. The cost for installing the 4" line would be as follows:

County: \$12,375

Lees: \$11,850

Motion to install the 4" line instead of the 2" line on Woody Street: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 3:2

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

Charles Turk: Aye

David Duckett: Nay

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Sammy Reece: Nay

Motion carried by majority vote.

10. Firefighter Gear Purchase Request: DELETED

11. Boards & Authorities:

a. Board of Elections Member Replacement

Ms. Gailey stated the Board of Elections had submitted two recommendations for appointment to replace Ms. Marian Jordan who resigned from the board. Ms. Jordan's term would expire June 30, 2016. The board recommended:

Carol Ayers

Tracey King

Vice Ch. Turk expressed concerns with the possibility that there would be a conflict of interest since Ms. Ayers and Ms. King worked for the City of Homer and since the county handled the City of Homer elections. Attorney Frost stated he would have to check.

Motion to table the item pending further research until the June 9, 2015 meeting: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

b. Georgia Mountains Community Services Board Member Replacement

Ms. Gailey stated Ch. Hooper had resigned from the board and Comm. Reece had stated he would serve if appointed.

Motion to appoint Comm. Sammy Reece to finish the unexpired term of Ch. Jimmy Hooper:
Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 4:0:1

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

Charles Turk: Aye

David Duckett: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Sammy Reece: Abstain

Motion carried by majority vote. The term ends December 31, 2016.

12. Contracts & Agreements:

a. Tax Assessors Copier Lease Agreement

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated this was for multiple copiers for the Tax Assessors Office.

Motion to approve the 12 month lease: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6)*

b. Uchee Lodge Lease Agreement: Boy Scouts

Ms. Gailey stated this was a yearly contract and would expire June 30, 2016.

Motion to approve the yearly agreement: Danny Maxwell

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6)*

13. Roads: Boling Bridge Repair

Comm. Duckett stated the GA DOT had notified the county of condemnation of the bridge and that it would need to be closed within 45 days. He stated KCI would need approximately 100 additional hours to oversee the repair. Vice Ch. Turk stated he would like for KCI to submit logs of hours and stated the not-to-exceed date should be August 1, 2015.

Motion to approve the work order: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of work order filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6)*

14. Warranty Deed: Development Authority Conveyance of WinCorp Way

Atty Frost stated the Development Authority wished to convey the road to the county to become a public road. Mr. Day stated it had met all the county and GA DOT specifications to become a public county road.

Motion to accept WinCorp Way as a county road: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of warranty deed filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6)*

15. Beer/Wine Package Alcohol License Transfer: Royal Foods Chevron #65 to Homer Food Mart

Ms. Gailey stated this was a transfer only and that the Code Enforcement Officer had signed off that the applicant had met all the requirements for the transfer.

Motion to approve the Beer/Wine Package Alcohol license transfer: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

16. FY2016 Budget

Department Budgets discussed were as follows:

- Contingency
- Technology
- Courthouse Building
- Coroner
- Public Health
- Public Welfare
- Historic Buildings
- Forestry

17. 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 7:18 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
