

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on March 10, 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

Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Community – Economic Developer Brad Day

Media Present

Banks County News – Alex Pace
Access North Georgia – Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hooper stated an item needed to be added to the agenda. 6a. Wifi-Internet Connection-Gunby Communications.

Motion to approve the agenda with the item added: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated the Bible talks about how leaders should act and treat people and that we should use that as our guide.

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 motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 2/2, 2/10

Motion to approve the minutes: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. CU-15-01 – Frank Fulton – A conditional use application for a truck and parts sales and truck repair facility to be located at 347 E. Ridgeway Road

Ch. Hooper closed the Commissioners meeting and Economic Developer Brad Day opened the public hearing. Mr. Day stated this was a truck service and parts sales facility at 347 E. Ridgeway Road. The zoning officer and Planning Commission recommended approval.

Frank Fulton with Vanguard Truck Group spoke for the application. He stated they were a Volvo dealership and this location would be a satellite location of the primary dealership in Forest Park. He stated they would mainly concentrate on service and parts of over-the-road trucks. As they grew they would be more involved in the sale of trucks. They would also employ 18 to 24 people.

Mr. Day closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the Commissioners meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

8. Art Presentation

Alex Chambers

Alex Chambers, a local artist, donated a painting of the Wilmont Stage Coach Stop that was in operation circa 1785. Mr. Gene Todd, a local historian, stated this stage coach stop is close to Mt. Pleasant Church on Hwy. 51 going toward Franklin County.

9. Diverse Computing, Inc. – E911 Equipment Lease Agreement

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated this was part of the CAD Agreement. This was for the software that runs tags and licenses. The county attorney has approved the agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

10. Public Utilities:

a. Generator Purchase Request

Steve Reece stated he was requesting two generators for the Industrial Park ponds and two generators for the Atlanta Dragway ponds. He would be bidding out the generators before he asked for the funds.

Motion to approve the bid process: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Water Tap Fee Reduction Request

Ch. Hooper stated he and Vice Ch. Turk had an idea to entice new clients for the water system. He thought a deterrent to get new taps was the price. He proposed to reduce the price of the taps to \$720 for ¾" and \$950 for 1" and to offer a pay-out over the period of 48 months. The Commissioners decided to make the fees effective immediately and make it retroactive back to January 1, 2015 with a credit to the customer's water bill that had already paid the tap fee.

Motion to approve the tap fee rate change: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Public Transportation Grant Authorizing Resolution

Mr. Failyer stated this was a continuing grant for the public transportation program in which we receive federal funds.

Motion to approve the resolution: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6) 2015-06

12. Adult Entertainment Moratorium Extension Resolution

Motion to extend the Adult Entertainment Moratorium Extension Resolution until June 30, 2015: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of resolution filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6) 2015-07

13. Roads:

a. Preliminary Resurfacing/Construction Supervision Work Authorization

Ms. Decker stated this contract was with KCI Technologies for engineering and construction supervision on potential roads that need to be resurfaced. The amount of the contract would not exceed \$120,000 and will be paid for from 2012 SPLOST funds.

Motion to approve the contract: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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b. Preliminary Engineering & Construction Surface Treatment Supervision

Ms. Decker stated this contract was with KCI Technologies for engineering and construction supervision on potential roads that will be resurfaced with surface treatment. The amount of the contract would not exceed \$24,000 and will be paid for from 2012 SPLOST funds.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

c. Bennett Road Improvement Bid Authorization

Ms. Decker stated she was asking for permission to solicit bids for the improvement Bennett Road.

Motion to authorize the bid process for the improvement of Bennett Road: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

d. Preliminary Engineering & Construction Supervision – Bennett Road

Ms. Decker stated this contract was with KCI for the engineering and construction supervision for the widening and resurfacing of Bennett Road. The amount of the contract would not exceed \$25,000 and will be paid for from 2012 SPLOST funds.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

e. Banks 109 Access Road Extension Agreement – J.B. Stevens Construction, Inc.

Mr. Day stated this was a contract with J.B. Stevens Construction for the construction of Phase II at Banks Crossing 109 in the amount of \$191,696.40.

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of agreement filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

14. Commerce Lucky, Inc. – Valero Express Mart Beer/Wine Package License Transfer

Motion to approve the beer/wine package license transfer: Danny Maxwell

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

15. Executive Session: Personnel

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel: David Duckett

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: David Duckett

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the session closed at 7:26 p.m.

(Copy of affidavit filed in attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

Motion to offer an economic development contract to Brad Day: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 4:1

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

Charles Turk: Aye

David Duckett: Nay

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Sammy Reece: Aye

The vote passed by majority.

16. Sheriff's Office Long Range Plan

Sheriff Speed presented his Multi-Year Strategic Plan. He stated his goal was to create PRIDE within the department. P = Professionalism, R = Respect, I = Integrity, D = Dependability, E = Empathy.

He stated the management of the strategic plan requires the following:

- Provide Services
- Prevent Crime
- Conduct Criminal Investigations
- Provide Peace and Public Order
- Maintain Individual Professionalism
- Adhere to the Highest Professional and Ethical Standards
- Provide for the Safe and Humane Treatment of Prisoners
- Render Quality Advice to Public Officials
- Establish Appropriate Management Systems and Practices
- Create a Professional Working Environment

Sheriff Speed stated as a result of the above management practices, there were seven key elements that they were focusing on. The seven elements are following:

- Leadership and Ethics
- Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving
- Technology
- Crime Reduction
- Traffic Safety
- Public Education
- Equipment Sustainment

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
