

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on February 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

County Attorney Randall Frost
Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Jenni Gailey

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

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

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated he had been to an elected official class that had included a conversation on “Decorum” or “How we talk to one another”. He stated sometimes we are not good listeners. He read from Matthew 7, “Do for others what you would like them to do for you.” The “Golden Rule”. He further stated if we applied the “Golden Rule” to every facet of our lives it would be a wonderful thing.

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: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 1/13, 1/27

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. Banks Crossing I-85/441 Bridge Name

Mackwell Etris

Mr. Etris stated he represented the Commerce Lion's Club and requested a resolution be passed by the Commission naming the bridge after the late Richard Chambers. He stated Mr. Chambers was a lifelong member of the Lion's Club, an educator in Banks and Jackson counties. Ch. Hooper stated Mr. Chambers was the epitome of what a volunteer should be and was actively involved in helping his fellow man. He further stated he did not know of a more deserving man in Banks or Jackson County than Richard Chambers to have a bridge named after him. Vice Ch. Turk stated he was a great historian and he thought that bridge would be good because of the work he did including a lot of trash pickup and grate cleaning on the bridge. He said he thought we lost a lot of history when we lost Mr. Chambers. Motion to draw and approve a resolution naming the Banks Crossing I-85/441 Bridge after Mr. Richard Chambers: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Hooper stated the naming would be a big event including a plaque placed on the bridge bearing the name. Vice Ch. Turk stated we would have to get with the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning the naming. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-6) 2015-05*

9. 2015 Piedmont Circuit Juvenile Court Agreement

Randy Failyer

Logan Propes, Jackson County Finance Officer and Piedmont Circuit Court Administrator Stephen Nevels we present to give an explanation of the increase of over \$5,000 from last year resulting in Banks County's portion being \$55,207. Mr. Propes stated the increase stems from last year's Juvenile Justice Reform Bill. He said he did not expect much further growth in the budgeted figures. He also stated legal fees were increased because of the need to hire outside attorneys for representation. Mr. Nevels stated it has been a full year since the changes and the proposed amount covers more real figures than last year. Ch. Hooper stated he would like for Randy Failyer to be present during the planning of the budget going forward.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

10. Boards & Committees:

Ch. Hooper stated all current members had agreed to serve another term if reappointed.

a. Development Authority – Scott Ledford

4 year term

Motion to reappoint Scott Ledford: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The term expires 2/28/2019.

b. Development Authority – Jimmy Morrison **4 year term**

Motion to reappoint Jimmy Morrison: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The term expires 2/28/2019.

c. Development Authority – Hank Parker **4 year term**

Motion to reappoint Hank Parker: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

The term expires 2/28/2019.

11. Abandoned Mobile Homes

Ch. Hooper stated we would be one of the first counties to put forth an ordinance to regulate abandoned mobile homes. He stated there were many ordinances in South Carolina. He stated the abandoned mobile homes throughout the county could be a health hazard. Comm. Reece asked Attorney Frost if we could attach the bill to the property taxes if the county has to clean up. Attorney Frost stated he would have to research the matter. He stated if the landowner voluntarily cleaned up, it would not be a problem.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
