

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 13, 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
Zoning Officer Keith Covington
Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Jenni Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

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 three items needed to be added: Sheriff's Office Grant, Lift Road Dept. Hiring Freeze and Executive Session – Personnel.

Motion to add the items and approve the agenda: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated he had role models when he was growing up. Who are your role models and are you a role model to anyone else?

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: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 12/9

Motion to approve minutes of 12/9 meeting: Danny Maxwell
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and motion passed.

7. Public Comment: NONE

8. E911 Dispatcher of the Year Recognition Elizabeth Mize

911/EMA Director Deidra Moore presented a certificate to Elizabeth Mize for being the dispatcher of the year.

9. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. CUP-14-04 – Portia Chalmers – A conditional use permit application for a massage therapist as a home occupation at 4309 Hwy 51 South.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Attorney Frost opened the public hearing. Zoning Officer Keith Covington stated the property is currently a residence and zoned ARR. The proposed use a home occupation zoned ARR with a home occupation. The property is located at 4309 Hwy 51 South and is 1.87 acres. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Portia Chalmers 4309 Hwy 51 South represented the application stating she was licensed by the state and wanted to assure the board that she is reputable. She stated there are many health benefits with massages.

Attorney Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the commissioners meeting.
Motion to approve the conditional use permit: Danny Maxwell
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

10. RFP #2014-05 Two Generators for Senior Center & Davis Academy Fire Station Deidra Moore

Ms. Moore stated the response and recovery grant would be for a generator at the Senior Center and Davis Academy Fire Station. The low bidder was S & D Solutions in the amount of \$44,410.35.

Motion to approve the bid from S & D Solutions in the amount of \$44,410.35: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Public Transportation Title VI Grant

Tracie Hammond

Senior Center Director Tracie Hammond stated this grant is to ensure compliance with federal regulations.

Motion to approve the grant and authorize the chairman to sign: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

12. Roads:

a. 2015 Salt Spreading Agreement – Joe Barron

The agreement is for the spreading salt on county roads and county parking lots and driveways on an as needed basis for \$65 per hour and Mr. Barron is responsible for all liability.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

b. Bennett Road 2015 LMIG Economic Development Grant - \$100,000

Motion to authorize Ms. Decker to apply for the grant: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

c. 2015 Off-System Safety Improvement Project Grant – DOT \$275,000

Ms. Decker stated this grant was for safety improvements on several county roads.

Motion to approve the grant: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

d. 2015 Off-System Safety Improvement Project Work Authorization – KCI Technologies

Ms. Decker stated the work authorization was for engineering and inspection for the off-system safety improvement project in the amount of \$5,150.

Motion to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the work authorization: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

e. On-Call Engineering Services – KCI Technologies

Ms. Decker stated this was engineering for future road paving and bridge work.

Motion to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the work authorization in the amount of \$20,000: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

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

f. 2015 Road Improvement Request for Bids

Ms. Decker stated she was asking permission to bid out various roads in the county for paving and triple surface treatment.

Motion to approve the bid process for resurfacing various county roads: David Duckett
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

13. Boards & Committees:

a. Planning Commission to finish term of Kim Ledford expires 10/30/2015

Motion to appoint Martha Ramsey for the remaining term to replace Kim Ledford. The term expires 10/30/2015: Danny Maxwell
Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

14. 2015 Vice Chairman – Board of Commissioners

Motion to nominate Charles Turk as Vice Chairman: Sammy Reece
Second: Jimmy Hooper
Abstention: Charles Turk
Vote: 4:0
Four aye votes and the motion passed.

15. SORNA Grant

Mr. Failyer stated the Sheriff's Office had received a grant for a scanner. Initially this will be paid for out of the Capital Fund but will be reimbursed with grant funds.
Motion to authorize the chairman to sign: Charles Turk
Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

16. Lift Hiring Freeze for Road Dept. Part-time Employee

Ch. Hooper stated the hiring freeze needed to be lifted in order to hire a part-time position for the road department. He stated this was just to replace a part-time employee and the money was already budgeted.
Motion to lift the hiring freeze: Charles Turk
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

17. Executive Session: Land Acquisition & Litigation

Motion to enter into executive session concerning land acquisition and litigation: Danny Maxwell
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed and the executive session began at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Danny Maxwell
Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed and the executive session ended at 7:20 p.m.
(Copy of executive session affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-6)

Motion to obtain the right-of-ways for Bennett Road: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

Motion to seek acquisition of land for the relocation of Fire Station 210: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
