

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 14, 2014 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
Economic Development Director Brad Day
Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina 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 Eagle Scout Project for Zack Larkins needed to be added to the agenda.

Motion to amend and approve the agenda: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated his mother was the smartest person he knew. She said there was never enough time and never enough money. Ch. Hooper stated if you had something to say to someone you didn't need to put it off because you never knew when time might run out.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 9/9, 9/23

Motion to approve the minutes of 9/9 and 9/23: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

7. Eagle Scout Project –Zach Larkins

Boy Scout Zach Larkins stated his project would consist of the demolition and reconstruction of a pump house at the horse arena.

Motion to authorize Mr. Larkins to do the project and authorize the chairman to sign the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

8. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. Z-14-04 – Shirley Stephens – A rezoning application for 1.5 acres at the intersection of Caudell Road and Hawkins Road from ARR, Agricultural, Rural Residential to C-2, General Commercial – Country Boys Satellite.

Ch. Hooper closed the commissioners meeting and Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Economic Developer Brad Day stated this was a rezone for a future business location and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Cary Stephens – 134 Union Hill Road – Mr. Stephens stated he had purchased the property on 441 to relocate his business in the future and the location was more visible than his current business location.

Motion to approve the rezoning application: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

b. CU-14-06 – Fire Mountain Restaurants – A conditional use application for an amusement center at the Ryan’s Steakhouse Restaurant located at 243 Steven B. Tanger Blvd.

Ch. Hooper closed the commissioners meeting and Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Economic Developer Brad Day stated the county code requires approval for an amusement center of any kind. Mr. Day stated the restaurant was turning one of their meeting rooms into a game room. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Jay Allen – VP of Design for Fire Mountain Restaurants – Mr. Allen stated the restaurant was one of twenty locations they were testing nationally. He stated there would be 12 arcade style games.

Attorney Frost closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the commissioners meeting. Motion to approve the conditional use: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

9. Public Utilities:

Steve Reece

a. Water Distribution Bush Hog Attachment Purchase – 2012 SPLOST

Public Utilities Director Steve Reece stated he was requesting the purchase of a bush hog attachment for their skid steer. This would be used in eight areas that needed to be cleared of brush and shrub at all times. The bush hog would not only be used by the water department, but other departments as well. He also request that the bush hog be paid from 2012 SPLOST. The three quotes received were as follows:

Cain Equipment	\$4,100	Yancey Bros.	\$5,300
Case	\$6,280		

Motion to approve the quote from Cain Equipment in the amount of \$4,100 to be paid from the 2012 SPLOST fund: Sammy Reece
Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

b. Wastewater Lawn Mower Purchase – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece stated the Wastewater needed a new mower and he would request the mower be purchased with 2012 SPLOST funds. The quotes received were as follows:

Pressley's Farm & Garden	30HP	\$7,688.19
	27HP	\$6,454.90
Swinehart's Power Equip.	30HP	\$7,394.00
Yarber Small Engine	26HP	\$7,400.00
James Short Tractor & Equip.	25HP	\$7,799.00

Motion to approve the quote from Pressley's Farm and Garden in the amount of \$6,454.90 and purchase the mower from the 2012 SPLOST fund: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

c. US441/Caudell Rd Water Line Relocate – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece stated the waterline at the corner of Hwy 441 and Caudell Road needed to be relocated. He stated the line was located on the bank in the woods before the DOT installed the connection to HYW 441. It needed to be moved down to the side of the road for easy access by the distribution shop. They also had a request by the owner of the property for the line to be

moved so the lot can be leveled for the business to locate in the future. The cost of the materials would be \$6,257.50.

Motion to approve the relocation of the waterline and pay for the relocation from the 2012 SPLOST fund: Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

d. Replacement of 100 Water Meters – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece stated he was requesting the purchase of 100 new water meters to replace the old ones. He stated this was a continuing process to update all meters in the county with digital meters which are more accurate. The total price of the meters would be \$18,500.

Motion to approve the purchase of the meters from the 2012 SPLOST fund: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

e. Replacement of Asphalt Turnaround with Concrete at Water Plant – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece stated he was requesting authorization to have existing asphalt removed and concrete installed in the 85ft. x 75ft. area used by the tractor trailer delivery trucks at the Water Treatment Plant. This asphalt continues to break off when the trucks turn around. The cost of the project would be \$33,300. Vice Chairman Turk requested that Morgan Concrete not be used because of the insufficient concrete used during the Clearwell Project.

Motion to approve the asphalt replacement and pay for the project out of the 2012 SPLOST fund: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

f. Rock Springs & Banks Crossing Elevated Water Tank Aerator Purchase – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece stated he was requesting funds from 2012 SPLOST funds to purchase and install mixers in the Banks Crossing and Rock Springs Elevated Tanks. These devices needed to be installed in order to meet the new Stage Two Disinfection By-Products Rule sent out by EPD. The cost of the installation and the meters would be \$40,860. Ch. Hooper wanted to find out the warranty and maintenance schedule of the mixers before they were purchased.

Motion to purchase and install the mixers with the condition of finding out about the warranty and maintenance of the equipment and pay for the project from the 2012 SPLOST fund: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

g. Lift Stations #1 & #3 Grinder Purchase – 2012 SPLOST

Mr. Reece was requesting the authorization to have Carter and Sloope Engineering start the engineering process on purchasing and the installation of two grinders for Lift Station #1 and #3. Preliminary work had been completed with an estimated cost of \$122,850. This project will be paid for out of the 2012 SPLOST.

Motion to approve the engineering on the grinders for the WWTP and the project be paid for out of the 2012 SPLOST: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

h. Franklin County Water \$.04/thousand gallons Increase

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated the county received a letter from Franklin County stating that the City of Toccoa was increasing their rate by \$.25 and Franklin County was passing the increase on to Banks County in the amount of \$.04/thousand gallons.

Motion to approve the increase: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

i. Surplus Property

Mr. Reece stated the Water Department had several items that no longer served a public purpose in use or had been replaced. The items below need to be surplus:

Make	Model	S/N
Taylor Way 5' Finishing Mower	23721	1050452H
Hooper Trailer 20' Dual Axle		2CV1004269
Power Pack25 Push Boring Machine w/trench bore PP25		2924928
Quincy Air Compressor – 3 phase 440		118598
Office Trailer		
Trail Mobile Tanker with Tar	1949	55X12127
Scag 5' Mower		

Motion to surplus the above items: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

10. Fire/EMS:

Robert Wilkins

a. EMS Tablet Lease Agreement – Emergency Billing, LLC

Chief Wilkins stated Emergency Billing provided the ambulances with rugged tablets for sending EMS reports. The lease will start on 9/30/14 and will end on 9/29/17.

Motion to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the tablet lease with Emergency Billing, LLC: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

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

b. Business Associate Agreement – Emergency Billing, LLC

Ms. Gailey stated because Emergency Billing is a third party service provider working with the County, under the HIPPA act they have to sign an agreement of confidentiality.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

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

c. 2001 Freightliner Med Unit Refurbish – 2006 SPLOST

Chief Wilkins stated he received three bids. The bids were as follows:

10-8	No bid
AEV	\$77,034
Custom Works	\$65,183

Chief Wilkins stated the bid from Custom Works did not include new gauges and switches in the drivers compartment. He recommended the AEV box because of the warranty issues and they offer the whole package.

Motion to approve the AEV bid in the amount of \$77,034 and the lease to pay for the purchase from the 2006 SPLOST fund: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

11. Planning Commission Member – Alicia Andrews

Motion to reappoint Alicia Andrews to the Planning Commission for another 4 year term: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

12. FY2015 Public Transportation Capital Improvement Agreement - \$40,742

Randy Failyer

Finance Officer Randy Failyer stated this contract was for a transit van and the county portion would be \$4,074. The remainder of the funds are federal.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

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13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
