

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on May 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.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
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

Motion to approve the agenda: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

3. FY2015 Budget

Fire/EMS Chief Robert Wilkins

Chief Wilkins stated Banks County had always had a training officer in the past. The captains had been trying to do the training but didn't have the amount of time it takes and do their other duties also. Vice Ch. Turk stated he sees the need for a training officer but a problem in the past was they become a gopher. Comm. Reece asked how many hours will the training officer work and why don't we use the state fire academy for free training? Chief Wilkins said the training officer will be fulltime and the state fire academy is used when needed. Vice Ch. Turk said he was in favor of a training officer if the three captains went back on the truck and the office manager goes to 28 hours per week.

Motion to hire a full-time training officer: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 3:2

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

David Duckett: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Charles Turk: Nay

Sammy Reece: Nay

Motion passed by majority vote.

Vice Ch. Turk told Chief Wilkins to make sure the uniforms were NFPA compliant because all the employees should be protected at all times. Chief Wilkins said he would check into the additional cost.

Superior Court

Ch. Hooper stated he and Mr. Failyer met with the court administrator and Banks County is not bound by what the other counties do. Superior Court has asked for a 15% increase for the judges and staff. Ch. Hooper and Vice Ch. Turk believes they should receive the same increase as other county employees.

Human Resource

Mr. Failyer stated the worker's compensation insurance had increased to \$185,000 from \$135,000.

Sheriff's Office/Jail

Mr. Failyer stated the total for the deputy line item had been decreased to \$809,000.

Revenues

Ch. Hooper stated the revenues have been adjusted. Ch. Hooper stated he doesn't think it was impractical to give the employees a 3% salary increase.

Motion to approve a 3% salary increase to county employees: David Duckett

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

Vice Ch. Turk stated if the commissioners decided to purchase cameras for the Sheriff's Office it needed to be before revenues were rolled over into reserves.

Ch. Hooper stated that if revenues stay the same in January 2015 he would like to look at hiring an additional staff person for water distribution. He also stated there were several projects that he would like the Maintenance Dept. to start and finish. In order for this to happen, he stated they needed one more person.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
