

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The meeting had been rescheduled from January 28, 2014 due to inclement weather.

### **Members Present**

Chairman Jimmy Hooper  
Vice Chairman Charles Turk  
Commissioner David Duckett  
Commissioner Danny Maxwell  
Commissioner Sammy Reece

### **Staff Present**

E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore  
Personnel Officer Arlene Ivey  
Financial Officer Randy Failyer  
County Clerk Regina Gailey

### **Media Present**

Banks County News – Angie Gary

#### **1. Call to Order**

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

#### **3. Prayer**

Ch. Hooper talked about free will and how every day we choose where we will go and what we will do from morning until night. He then asked for a moment of silent reflection on our freedom.

#### **4. Pledge to the American Flag**

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

#### **5. Public Comment: Animal Waste Lagoon, Feed Lot and Catch Pen location from adjoining property and residence.**

*Katrina & Michael Mintz*

Ms. Mintz stated they owned and resided on property adjacent to Vice Ch. Turk's property that was timber land when they purchased the property in 1993 but had since become a pasture where large amounts of manure have accumulated. She stated she felt Vice Turk was out of compliance with the Banks County Code and that there was a feed lot with a rubber pad in place at a location that did not meet required setbacks from the property line or a residence and that it had standing manure which created a bad odor. She stated there was a problem with rodents and insects. She asked that the

Commission Board recognize the noncompliance and to require compliance with local ordinances. She presented pictures of the pasture showing the manure and the proximity to their home.

Vice Ch. Turk addressed some of the alleged violations including the clarification that manure is not stored where cattle feed. He further stated he had asked compliance agencies to visit and inspect the property including NRCS, USDA, Banks County Code Enforcement and all stated the property was in compliance. He also read the definition of slander and stated he felt Ms. Mintz was slandering him as well as his daughters since they owned 9 of the 11 cows currently in the pasture.

Ch. Hooper stated he had checked with the appropriate agencies including Banks County Planning & Development, Banks County Code Enforcement, NRCS and the county attorney and all stated the property was in compliance with Banks County Code ordinances.

**6. Digital Coverage Maps and Sites needed for Public Safety Infrastructure** *Deidra Moore*

Ms. Moore presented a map showing the coverage deficiencies of the county which are primarily on the western portion. She asked for a 5<sup>th</sup> tower site to be located in the western portion of the county. She recommended leasing tower space at \$570/month for 5 years from Midamerica Towers, Inc. She asked for approval of the lease pending the county attorney's approval and asked that the Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement.

Motion to approve the lease agreement pending county attorney approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed. *(Copy of lease agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-5)*

**7. Executive Session: Personnel and Land Disposal**

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel and land disposal: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the executive session began at 6:52 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the executive session ended at 7:45 p.m.

*(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

**Hiring Freeze Lift**

Motion to lift hiring freeze for the purpose of hiring one full time maintenance personnel and one part time recreation personnel: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece  
Second: David Duckett  
Vote: 5:0  
Unanimous vote and meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk  
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