

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 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 Developer Brad Day  
Financial Officer Randy Failyer  
County Clerk Regina Gailey  
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

**Media Present**

Banks County News – Angie Gary  
Access North Georgia - Rob Moore

**1. Call to Order**

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to add executive session to the agenda: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

Motion to approve the agenda: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

**3. Prayer**

Ch. Hooper talked about how we should strive to be an inspiration and leaving a mark when we have done something positive.

Ch. Hooper led a moment of silent prayer.

**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

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

#### **6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 12/10/2013, 12/23/2013**

Motion to approve the 12/10/2013 and 12/23/2013 minutes: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

#### **7. Recognitions:**

##### **a. Glen Head Retirement – Natural Resource Conservation Service/USDA**

Ch. Hooper stated Mr. Head had worked with the Natural Resource Conservation Service for 34 years and accomplished many good things in Banks County. The Commissioners presented Mr. Head with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service.

##### **b. Carliann Broome – 2014 Servant's Heart Award Nominee – Georgia Children's Cabinet**

Ch. Hooper stated she had been nominated for the award because of her community service. The Commissioners presented Miss Broome with a plaque congratulating her for her nomination and service to the community.

#### **8. Planning Commission Recommendations:**

NONE

#### **9. Rural Land Schedules in WinGAP Rebuild for 2015 Tax Digest Year -Kevin Whitman *Tabled 12/23/2013***

Motion to un-table the item: David Duckett

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

Mr. Whitman stated a rural land re-appraisal needed to be done because 2015 was a digest review year and our appraisals were close to the top values that were legally acceptable. He stated he wasn't asking for approval he was just making the board aware of the process.

Motion to put the rural land re-appraisal out to bid: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

#### **10. ACCG Centennial Commending Resolution**

Motion to approve the resolution: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

**11. Contracts & Agreements:**

**a. Piedmont Circuit Trial Court Administrator**

**Superior Court Judge David Motes**

Judge Motes stated he was asking the board to approve an intergovernmental agreement for establishment of a trial court administrator position. The Banks County funding share would be 12%. Ch. Hooper stated the board had already approved the position pending the approval of Jackson and Barrow Counties. Judge Motes stated the other counties had also approved the position. Finance Officer Randy Failyer stated the funds had already been appropriated in the FY2014 budget.

Motion to approve the agreement: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

**b. Development Authority/County Project Loan Agreement**

Economic Developer Brad Day stated the intergovernmental agreement was to finance two projects. The two projects were at Banksxing 109 and Hudson River Business Park.

Motion to approve the agreement: Charles Turk

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

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

**c. 2014 Probation Services Plan**

Motion to approve the probation services plan: Sammy Reece

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

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

**12. Commission & Staff Training**

Ch. Hooper stated he wanted to get clarification about in-service training. Ch. Hooper stated he would like to see authorization for any Commissioner or the County Clerk to go to any training or workshop that would benefit their job. Comm. Maxwell and Comm. Duckett agreed with Ch. Hooper. Comm. Reece stated department heads weren't allowed any training except what is required and Vice Ch. Turk stated that is what had been voted on several years ago.

Motion to allow the Commissioners and the County Clerk to attend any training they feel will enhance the performance of their job: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Jimmy Hooper: Aye

David Duckett: Aye

Danny Maxwell: Aye

Sammy Reece: Nay

Charles Turk: Nay

3 ayes and 2 nays and motion passed.

**13. 2014 Vice Chairman Appointment**

Motion to reappoint Vice Chairman as Vice Chairman: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Abstained: Charles Turk

Vote: 4:0:

4 aye votes and one abstention and motion passed.

**14. Executive Session: Potential Litigation**

Motion to enter into executive session concerning potential litigation: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the executive session began at 7:07 p.m.

Motion to close the executive session: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the executive session ended at 7:25 p.m.

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

**15. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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