

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on December 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The meeting had been changed from December 24, 2013 because of the Christmas holidays.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey
Economic Developer Brad Day

Media Present:

Alex Pace, Banks County News

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
By unanimous vote motion carried.

3. Prayer

Ch. Hooper stated there were four words that he believed in during the holiday season and throughout the year. Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. He then asked for a moment of thankful reflection.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

5. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. CU-13-06 – Nick Denton – A conditional use application for a sports training facility (batting cages) to be located at 321 Pottery Factory Drive.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Brad Day opened the public hearing. Mr. Day stated the application was for a sports facility with batting cages. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Kelby Cronic, a partner with Mr. Denton, spoke in favor of the application by stating it was to offer more for the youth of Banks County and the surrounding area in preparing for league baseball. Mr. Day closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Sammy Reece
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

b. CU-13-07 – Sports Tech USA -- A conditional use application for a sports training facility (batting cages) to be located at 260 Banks Crossing Drive.

Ch. Hooper closed the meeting and Brad Day opened the public hearing. Mr. Day stated the application was for a sports facility with batting cages. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Rick Billingslea spoke in favor of the application by stating Sports Tech had been in business for 22 years and was a 501-C3 Non Profit that helped to develop the person as well as the athlete. Mr. Day closed the public hearing and Ch. Hooper opened the meeting.

Motion to approve the application: Danny Maxwell

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

6. FY2013 Audit Summary

Joe Kitchens

Joe Kitchens of Duncan & Kitchens stated the FY2013 Audit was clean with no significant corrective findings and that everyone was doing their job. He stated the county ended the year in great financial shape and was able to pay off some existing GEFA debt and the 2006 SPLOST bond debt during 2013 as well.

7. Rural Land Schedules in WinGAP Rebuild for 2015 Tax Digest Year

Kevin Whitman

Ch. Hooper stated Mr. Whitman could not attend and asked for the item to be tabled to a future meeting. Motion to table item to the January 14, 2014 meeting: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

By unanimous vote motion carried.

8. Contracts & Agreements:

a. 2014 Traylor Business Services Contract

Jenni Gailey stated this was the contract for personal property verification and was a yearly contract renewal and the term will be retroactive to November 22, 2013.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

By unanimous vote motion carried. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-5)*

b. Homer Code Enforcement Agreement

Jenni Gailey stated this was for code enforcement only and would be auto renewing up to 50 years with a 30 day notification requirement in the case of termination.

Agreement expiration: December 9, 2063

Motion to approve the contract: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

By unanimous vote motion carried. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 9-5)*

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Sammy Reece

Second: Jimmy Hooper
Vote: 5:0
By unanimous vote motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
