

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held the regular meeting on April 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Jimmy Hooper, Vice Chairman Charles Turk, Commissioners Sammy Reece, Danny Maxwell and David Duckett.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Reece made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

3. Prayer

Ch. Hooper asked for a moment of silent prayer.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the pledge to the American Flag.

5. Gowder Road

Harold Gowder

Mr. Gowder asked that the curve in Gowder Road be straightened for safety purposes. He stated he owned the property on one side and Vice Ch. Turk owned the property on the other side. He stated he would provide the property for the work and the right of way. Vice Ch. Turk stated the curve was dangerous. Ch. Hooper stated he would have the road foreman take a look at the road and make recommendations for the improvement.

6. Juvenile Court Services Agreement

Ch. Hooper stated this was a yearly agreement but would only be effective until June 30, 2013 due to changes that will probably be made in the service. Comm. Maxwell made a motion to approve the agreement. Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-4)*

7. Lovell Property

Ch. Hooper stated the Lovell family attorney had contacted him concerning the property that borders the Mountain Creek Reservoir and asked the board for direction toward considering the purchase of the land. He stated he did not think there was a need for additional water in that location in the county and that he felt the purchase of the property would not be advantageous at this time. All commissioners agreed.

8. Energy Excise Tax

Economic Developer Brad Day stated that in order to be competitive in recruiting new business to the county, waiver of the tax should be considered. Ch. Hooper stated he did not want to risk the possibility of losing a business because of the tax. Comm. Maxwell stated he felt it would be a benefit not to levy the tax. Vice Ch. Turk stated this could give Mr. Day a tool for attracting business and made a motion to discontinue levying the tax. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

9. FY2014 Budget

The following budgets were considered:

Sheriff
Jail
Fire/EMS

10. Adjournment

With no more business, Comm. Duckett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
