

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on October 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot, Commissioner Rickey Cain, Commissioner Ernest Rogers and Commissioner Charles Turk.

1. Call to Order

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes 8/31

Comm. Turk stated if nothing in the minutes had been changed since the last meeting, he was not approving them.

4. Public Safety Board

Comm. Turk made a motion to bring the public safety board off the table. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the item was brought off the table. Comm. Rogers stated there were two vacancies on the public safety board. Comm. Rogers made a motion to dissolve the public safety board. Comm. Turk seconded. Comm. Cain stated he did not vote and was not abstaining because that meant no. Four aye votes and the motion passed.

5. 2010 Millage Rate

Randy Failyer Finance Officer stated the commissioners feel they can maintain the current budget without raising the millage rate. Regina Gailey County Clerk stated the rate will be brought down by .075 mills because we will not have the hospital bond anymore. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated he wanted to thank the staff for making it possible to hold down the millage. Ch. Dalton stated he wanted to thank the elected officials and department heads for doing a good job holding down their budgets. Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the 2010 Millage Rate. Comm. Turk seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Town of Alto Water Connection Bid

Comm. Rogers was concerned with the bid process of the Alto Water Connection and with the completion date of the clear well. Fred Hawkins with Rindt-McDuff stated since the project was under budget it was permissible to use the same contractor and not bid out the project. He also stated the reason the project was not completed yet was because of the delivery time of the equipment.

7. Town of Homer Animal Control Agreement

Ch. Dalton made a motion to table this item until the November 9, 2010 meeting until further investigation has been done. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

8. Economic Development

Development Authority Chairman Jack Banks stated he knows how tough times are and one way to help the tax base is through economic development coordinator on a full-time basis. He stated Bill Griffin and Scott Ledford have been working on a presentation for an economic

development coordinator. Scott Ledford presented a slide show that focused on how economic development impacted the county and the future of our youth. He stated we have to compete with other counties and he put a lot of focus on youth because they are our future and will drive the community. He said we need to commit to a long term goal and need to have someone that can actively pursue businesses, seek grants for infrastructure, market the county on an international level and they need to thrive on competition. Mr. Ledford also gave comparisons on a bedroom community versus an industrialized county. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated he was convinced that we needed a person for economic development and the money could be available through industrial development. Comm. Rogers stated he believes that a person is needed, but the problem is nothing is budgeted this year. Mr. Ledford stated his personal proposal would be for the Development Authority to fund the money the first year. Comm. Turk stated he agreed as long as the money could be funded it was a great opportunity. Ch. Dalton stated he would like to see this position and has wanted it since he came into office. Ch. Barefoot stated the time is now and for the Development Authority to bring back a plan to the October 12, 2010 meeting.

Recess

Ch. Dalton made a motion to recess the meeting until 12:00 noon. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the meeting was recessed at 10:43 a.m.

Comm. Cain made a motion to come out of recess and reconvene the meeting. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the meeting was reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

Ch. Dalton stated he wanted to express his appreciation for the work that the public safety board had done.

9. Executive Session - Litigation

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to enter into executive session concerning litigation. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the executive session began at 12:06 p.m.

Comm. Cain made a motion to come out of executive session. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the executive session ended at 1:01 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
