

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 26, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wilson Shoals Conference Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot, Commissioner Rickey Cain, Commissioner Ernest Rogers and Commissioner Charles Turk were present. Chairman Milton Dalton was absent due to sickness.

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

Vice Ch. Barefoot called the meeting to order.

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

Comm. Cain made a motion to amend the agenda to add SC Services and Associates contract to the agenda.

Comm. Turk seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Cain: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the agenda was approved as amended.

### **3. Gravel Hauling Bids**

Vice Ch. Barefoot stated four bids were submitted as were as follows:

Caudell Trucking - \$4.70 per ton

Shubert Hauling - \$4.42 per ton

Simpson Trucking - \$4.75 per ton

Triple H Transport - \$4.23 per ton

He stated the 3% Vendor Preference Resolution had recently been approved and even with that Triple H Transport is still the low bidder. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the low bidder. Comm. Turk seconded. The term of the contract is February 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Cain: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the motion passed.

### **4. FY2010 Public Transportation Operating Contracts**

Regina Gailey, County Clerk stated the contract was an annual contract that is a 50/50 grant. 50% is from the Federal Transit Authority and 50% from local funds. The total amount of the contract is \$74,330. The local portion is \$37,165 and the term of the contract is July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the contract and give the Chairman permission to sign. Comm. Turk seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Cain: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the motion passed.

### **5. SC and Associates, Inc. Contract**

Ms. Gailey stated this contract was for the Clerk of Superior Court to collect delinquent fines. They would only get paid if they collect the fine. The portion they get paid would be 40% above the cost of the fine so the CSC would still get the total amount of the fine. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the contract pending the County attorney approval. Comm. Rogers seconded. Two aye votes and motion passed.

### **6. FY2010 Budget and 2009 Millage Rate**

Vice Ch. Barefoot stated the original proposed budget for FY2010 was 1.1Million less than the FY2009 budget. He further stated there had been a proposed millage rate increase of 1.75mills, we took out \$738,000 which would still require a millage rate increase of 1.49 mills. He said the citizens asked the commissioners to look at furlough days, capital expenditures and lowering the millage rate. This reduction would reduce the increase per tax bill on a \$100,000 home from \$70 to \$59. Comm. Cain stated in

December the commissioners had promised the citizens that they would have a budget hearing at night. This would give the citizens an opportunity to attend and speak. Margaret Ausburn, Tax Commissioner stated the earliest tax bills can go out is March, then people will have 60 days to pay. If the Tax Assessors office gets back on track we will have two tax bills in one year. She said since this is hard economic times we need to move fast. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated the next meeting would be on Feb. 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

**7. Adjournment**

Comm. Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye  
Rogers: Aye  
Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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