



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

Commissioner Bo Garrison

Commissioner Sammy Reece

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

STAFF PRESENT

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

Human Resources Director Arlene Ivey

Chief Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark

Attorney Randall Frost

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ch. Turk stated the following items needed to be added to the agenda:

3e. Correction to Minutes: 5/10/2022

6b. Applebee's Alcohol License Transfer

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **6/14/2022**

b. **6/16/2022 FY2023 Budget Hearing**

c. **6/28/2022**

d. **6/30/2022 LOST Negotiations**

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0
All yea votes and the motion passed.

e. Correction of Minutes: 5/10/2022

Ch. Turk stated the minutes that were approved on May 10, 2022 stated Carol Williams term ended in 2023 but needed to be corrected to state 2025. Also, Brenda Sullivan’s term stated it would end 2025 but should be corrected to state 2027.

Motion to approve the minutes correction.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Reece.
Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0
All yea votes and the motion passed.

4. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Commissioner Gardiner led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ch. Turk reported on the following:

- E911 calls received: Fire/EMS: 320, Sheriff Office: 2,651
- Covid Cases: 155 positive cases out of 10,000 people.
- Held a Ribbon Cutting for the new ADA Accessible Playground at the Recreation Dept.
- First year that Baseball and Softball had been offered during the fall at the Recreation Dept.
- Recreation Dept. was also working on a 10-year Master Plan for programs and buildings.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS:

- a. Planning & Development: Application for a Beer Consumption on the Premises License by Manual A Casillas - Owner of Taqueria Mi Jalisco, LLC located at 121 Frontage Rd, Suite 2, Commerce, GA 30529 - Paul Ruark**

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark stated that all background checks came back acceptable and all fees had been paid.

Motion to approve the alcohol license.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.
Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0
All yea votes and the motion passed.

- b. Alcohol License Transfer: Applebee’s** **Paul Ruark**

Officer Ruark stated this was a transfer of alcohol license to Joseph Kolegue, new manager Applebee’s, 105 E. Ridgeway Road, Commerce, GA 30529.

Motion to approve the alcohol license transfer.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.
Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

a. **Personnel: International Pharmacy Provider/Client Service Agreement Ratification - MC-21 Healthcare LLC - Arlene Ivey**

Ms. Arlene Ivey Human Resources Director stated she needed the ratification of the Chairman's signature and approval for the International Pharmacy Provider Insurance Agreement

Motion to ratify the Chairman's signature and approval of the agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-4)

b. **Personnel: Companion Life Insurance Company Aggregate & Specific Excess Loss Insurance Application Ratification - Arlene Ivey**

Ms. Arlene Ivey Human Resources Director stated she needed the ratification of the Chairman's signature and approval of the agreement.

Motion to ratify the Chairman's signature and approval of the agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

(Copy of Agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-4)

c. **Public Safety: Neatoware FY2023 Data Backup and Protection Service Agreement - Steve Nichols**

Ch. Turk stated this was software and security monitoring for E911 in the amount of \$2,913 monthly.

Motion to approve the agreement.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece,
Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

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d. Public Utilities: Hudson River Water Reclamation Facility C&S Project No.: B1350.027 Bid Award - Horace Gee

Horace Gee Public Utilities Director stated Reeves Young were the apparent low bidder for the Hudson River Water Reclamation Facility.

He stated proposals were received and opened for the above subject project on June 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. A total of two (2) responsive proposals were received out of the six (6) companies listed on the plan-holders list.

The following bids were checked and tabulated:

1. Reeves Young \$26,600,000.00
2. Wharton-Smith, Inc. \$27,877,000.00

After a thorough review of each pre-qualification packet and a complete evaluation of each bid, Reeves Young was determined to be the most qualified contractor for this project.

Mr. Gee stated since the engineering and bid process began, the prices had risen substantially and both bids came in over budget. After discussion with Carter & Sloope and Reeves Young they were able to bring the price down to \$23,407,512. Mr. Gee further stated this would still allow a plant that would operate as designed with EPD regulations and guidelines.

Mr. Gee stated it would take 18 to 24 months to build out the plant. He also stated the current operation was at 105% capacity.

Mr. Gee stated this was just the bid award and not the contract.

Comm. Garrison asked how many items from the \$3.5M elimination list would you come back and ask for later? Mr. Gee stated that everything that was deleted would not have to be added back in.

Comm. Gardiner asked the capacity per day. Mr. Gee stated the capacity was .5MGD.

Mr. Gee stated the plant was expandable if needed.

Motion to approve the bid from Reeves Young in the amount of \$23,407,512 and authorize the Chairman to sign the bid award.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and motion passed.

Sewer Installation Line Advertisement for Bid

Mr. Gee stated that the above bid project was just for the plant and they would still have to install lines in order to get the water to the plant. He stated the flow would need to come from the Martin Bridge Area and Banks Crossing Area. He further stated he was asking permission to allow him to advertise the bid for construction of the installation of the lines.

Motion to approve the Advertisement for Bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Reece, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

8. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

a. Budget & Finance: FY2022 Budget Amendment Resolution - Randy Failyer

Randy Failyer Chief Finance Officer stated he was asking the Commissioners to approve an amended budget resolution for FY2022. He stated this amendment would not change the bottom line and was just an amendment preparing for the annual audit.

Motion to approve the resolution.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-4)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

Voting Yea: Chairman Turk, Vice Chairman Maxwell, Commissioner Garrison, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Gardiner

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk