



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/MUNICIPALITIES JOINT MEETING: ROAD & BRIDGE SALES TAX CONTINUATION & ENERGY EXCISE TAX REINSTATEMENT

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

Thursday, March 03, 2022 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turk called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk
Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Bo Garrison
Commissioner Sammy Reece
Commissioner Keith Gardiner

County Clerk Regina Gailey
Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker
Chief Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Attorney Randall Frost
(Sign In Sheet filed in attachment to Minute Book 10-4)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

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 aye votes and the motion passed.

3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Commissioner Reece led the Pledge to the American Flag.

4. CURRENT BUSINESS:

a. Energy Excise Tax Reinstatement

Ch. Turk stated the Excise Tax was strictly for manufacturing. He stated Banks County collected it for a brief period of 10 months in 2013 so this was not a new tax and was only for manufacturing. He stated to collect it again it would have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners but an IGA had to be signed by all the cities that wanted to participate. He further stated the tax could be designated for

anything and amount of funds received was based on population.

b. 2023 Road & Bridge Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Continuation

Ch. Turk stated the vote renew of the Road and Bridge SPLOST would be on the November 2022 ballot.

Ch. Turk stated the 1% tax would be broken down by 75% County and 25% City. The City portion would be divided based on the 2020 population and the projected amount to be collected would be \$20M. Ch. Turk stated an intergovernmental agreement would be required before the Road and Bridge SPLOST could be put on the ballot.

Dennis Bergin Lula City Manager asked how did the County come up with \$20M. Ch. Turk stated the numbers were based on the trend of what had previously been collected.

Joe Elam Mayor City of Baldwin stated he appreciated all Road and Bridge SPLOST and wanted to support the tax but would have to go back and do the due diligence before the IGA could be signed.

Mr. Bergin asked if the IGA would be the same format as last time. County Attorney Randall Frost stated yes.

Comm. Garrison stated the County had worked hard on the new zoning regulations and he would really like for the cities to look at what the County had done and mirror that for their own city. He stated if this wasn't done, we would get beat up by big developers and then have to build more infrastructure and schools in the future.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting 7:10 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 aye votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk