



# BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/CITIES JOINT WORK SESSION/MEETING - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION RENEGOTIATION

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the worksession to order.

#### PRESENT

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT

*(Copy of Sign-in sheet filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 10-4)*

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell. Second by Commissioner Reece. All aye votes and motion carried.

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the motion passed.

### 3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Commissioner Gardiner led the Pledge to the American Flag.

### 4. CURRENT BUSINESS:

#### a. 2022 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Renegotiation

Ch. Turk stated that the county still had to provide additional services and the Commissioners stance on the percentage was still 85%.

Dennis Bergin, City Manager, City of Lula stated after a meeting with the cities they counteroffered the 85% with 80%. The Commissioners stated no to the counter proposal. Comm. Garrison stated he would consider 84.5%.

The cities asked for a recess at 6:50 p.m.

The worksession reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Bergin stated they must go back and look at the level of service by their city and the tax digest. He then further stated the cities had discussed and decided to counter with 81%. The Commissioners stated no to

the counter proposal. Ch. Turk stated the county had taken on more services from the cities and that he didn't feel 81% would be acceptable 3.5% was a large spread at this point.

Mr. Bergin stated the cities would like to go back and look at the tax digest and level of services and meet again soon. He reminded everyone that if an agreement is not made, the important tax would cease on December 31, 2022. He said the goal should be fairness and compromise.

All agreed to schedule the next work session for August 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Sammy Reece. Second by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the worksession ended at 7:26 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk