



# BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FY2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION/MEETING

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

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ch. Turk called the meeting to order.

#### PRESENT

Chairman Charles Turk

Vice Chairman Danny Maxwell

Commissioner Chris Ausburn

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

Commissioner Bo Garrison

#### STAFF

Finance Officer Randy Failyer

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

Human Resources Officer Arlene Ivey

Chief Appraiser Vicky Krieg

Sheriff Carlton Speed

Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson

Recreation Director Kat Roberts

Senior Center/Transit Director Tracie Hammond

### 2. FY2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION

- Tax Assessors – Vicky Krieg
  - Professional – Ms. Krieg stated this included Wingap Appraisal Software, QPublic fees, Marshal Swift Evaluation and several over fees for software and services that they use.
  - Technology – Ms. Krieg stated this included two new computers and cameras.
- Public Defender – Randy Failyer
  - Mr. Failyer stated that Stephen Nevels had called and stated that Indigent Defense should not be in the Superior Court budget but should have its own department.
- Sheriff's Office and Jail Operations – Sheriff Carton Speed and Chief Deputy Shawn Wilson
  - Sheriff Speed started out by saying inflation had made everything go up.
  - Salary – Sheriff Speed stated this included a 2% Cost of Living adjustment for himself and 3% for employees.
  - Jail Operations – Sheriff Speed stated this increased because of the addition of 2 work details. He further stated that on any given day they worked 10 – 15 inmates. Comm. Garrison stated that certain areas of the County look a lot better.
  - Technology – Mr. Failyer asked if this included radio/communication equipment for vehicles and Mr. Wilson said no because that was included in the E911 budget.
  - Sheriff Speed went over the special request items that included the following:
    - \$130,000 – Replace 2 deputies that transitioned to the Facility and Project Unit in 2023.
    - \$35,000 – FLOCK System for all major ingress and egress roadways

- \$100,000 – Contingency Funding to be held in a dedicated account by the Commissioners for unforeseen expenses related to but not inclusive to inmate medical care, long-term housing or inmate food.
  - \$15,000 – Fusion Center at Banks Crossing
- Sheriff Speed talked about how things were rapidly changing and it was hard to get help.
- Sheriff Speed stated they would hold off on the Fusion Center at this time.
- Sheriff Speed stated he was disputing the 2020 Census because he believed it should have put Banks County over the 20,000-population level. He stated at 20,000 population, he would have received a \$10,000 raise and at this time he was asking the Commissioners for a \$10,000 increase in his salary because he thought the Census was wrong.
- Recreation – Kat Roberts
  - Ms. Roberts stated she was hoping to replace 1 or 2 of the part-time employees with inmates.
- Senior Center – Tracie Hammond
- Transit – Tracie Hammond
  - Ms. Hammond discussed with the Commissioners an increase in pay for her drivers.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Failyer stated he would get the Commissioners updated numbers.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk