



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Tuesday, October 08, 2024 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 Chris Ausburn

Commissioner Bo Garrison

ABSENT

Commissioner Keith Gardiner

STAFF

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

County Attorney Randall Frost

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ch. Turk stated the following changes needed to be made to the agenda:

7c. 2025 Transit MOU

8. Executive Session - Personnel

9. Adjournment

Motion to amend the agenda.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **9/9/2024 Minutes - Joint Meeting with GDOT concerning Banks Crossing Traffic**

b. **9/10/2024 Minutes - Joint Meeting with Chamber of Commerce/CVB concerning Hotel/Motel Tax**

c. **9/10/2024 Minutes - Regular Meeting**

d. **9/17/2024 Minutes - Called Work Session/Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

4. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:

Ch. Turk led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ch. Turk reported on the following:

- 911 received 365 calls for Fire/EMS and 3,388 calls for the Sheriff's Office
- Explained the State laws concerning the requirements of property taxation.

Comm. Garrison stated that without SPLOST money, everyone's taxes would be higher.

Comm. Ausburn stated that there was more to operating the County than just scraping roads and putting down gravel.

6. BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

a. Recreation Board: 3-year term to expire 6/30/2027

Ch. Turk stated Major Hunter was up for replacement on the Recreation Board.

Comm. Garrison asked if he had been contacted to see if he wanted to continue to serve.

Ch. Turk stated he hadn't been to a meeting in over a year.

Motion to appoint Jessica Turpin to the Recreation Board for a 3-year term than would expire 6/30/2027.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

b. Planning Commission: 4-year term to expire 10/31/2028

Motion to nominate Allan Carlyle.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion to reappoint Jody Parks to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire 10/31/2028.

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

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

c. Planning Commission: 4-year term to expire 10/31/2028

Motion to reappoint Scott Wheatley to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire on 10/31/2028.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Voting Nay: Chairman Turk

Vote: 3:1

Motion passed by majority vote.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. 2024 Windmill Park Youth Hunt - Benji Ward

Benji Ward with the Nails Creek Baptist Church Men's Ministry requested that the County allow them to host the Youth Hunt November 29 - November 30, 2024 at Windmill Farms. He stated this would be the 26th or 27th year of the Youth Hunt.

Motion to allow the hunt.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Vice Chairman Maxwell.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

b. Public Library Sewer Easement

Ch. Turk stated clarification was needed from Environmental Health.

Motion to table the item until the November 12, 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Turk, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

c. NEGRC FY2025 Transit MOU

Ch. Turk stated NEGRC paid the County to transport people.

Motion to approve the MOU.

Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

(Copy of MOU filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-1)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Motion to enter into executive session concerning personnel at 6:47 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to close the executive session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Turk stated they discussed setting up interviews for the open position of Public Utilities Director.

(Copy of Affidavit filed in Attachment to Minute Book 11-1)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, Seconded by Chairman Turk.

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

Vote: 4:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk