



# BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FY2024 BUDGET WORKSESSION/MEETING

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

Monday, April 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM

## 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  
Human Resources Officer Arlene Ivey  
County Clerk Jenni Gailey  
Sheriff Carlton Speed  
Chief Deputy Carissa McFaddin  
Public Utilities Director Horace Gee  
Fire Chief Steve Nichols

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

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

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

### 3. PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Commissioner Garrison led the pledge.

### 4. AGENDA ITEMS:

#### Recreation Concessions

Commissioner Ausburn stated concerns with only accepting debit or credit cards for concessions. He stated it was a good way to educate the kids to allow cash.

**Motion to overturn the motion made at the previous meeting to only allow debit/credit cards for concessions beginning with Fall sports.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Ausburn, Seconded by Chairman Turk.**

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

**Vote: 5-0**

**All yea votes and the motion passed.**

## **FY2025 BUDGET**

Department budgets discussed were as follows:

- Fire/EMS      Chief Steve Nichols
  - Chief Nichols stated he had included hiring 6 additional employees
  - He stated there were approximately 100 hydrants currently not working

**Motion to authorize Public Utilities Director Horace Gee to send out an RFP for hydrant repairs.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Gardiner**

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

**Vote: 5:0**

**All yea votes and the motion passed.**

- Commissioners agreed to authorize Chief Nichols to get a quote for equipping the new trucks to be paid from SPLOST.
- E911              Chief Steve Nichols
  - Chief Dispatcher Elizabeth Mize stated they needed to hire 2 additional dispatchers

**Recessed meeting at 2:19 p.m.**

**Reconvened meeting at 2:30 p.m.**

- Sheriff/Jail      Sheriff Carlton Speed, Chief Deputy Carissa McFaddin
- Public Utilities    Director Horace Gee
  - Wastewater
    - Requesting 6 additional operators including the newly hired Plant Manager.
  - Water Administration
  - Water Plant
  - Water Distribution
  - Capital Improvements
    - Mr. Gee stated he was requesting the following capital expenditures:

- 3 Water Tank communication equipment including SCADA at \$25,000 per tank
- Water Administration: 2 Data collectors installed within the system to monitor consumption at \$30,000 each installed
- Water Distribution: 1 new locator at \$7,100
- All to be paid for by American Rescue Plan Funds

### 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 4:22 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Gardiner, Seconded by Commissioner Ausburn.

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session and reconvene the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrison, Seconded by Commissioner Gardiner

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

Vote: 5:0

All yea votes and the motion passed.

*(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book 11-1)*

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.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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County Clerk