



BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

Monday, September 09, 2024 at 1:30 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 PRESENT

County Clerk Regina Gailey

Assistant County Clerk Erin Decker

GDOT STAFF PRESENT

Justin Lott - GDOT District 1 Pre-Construction Engineer

Shane Giles - GDOT District 1 Area 3 Construction Manager

Jonathan Peevy - GDOT District 1 Traffic Operations Engineer

BANKS COUNTY SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT

Mike Cleveland

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION

a. DISCUSSION: GDOT Construction Project 0015670/0016000 at Banks Crossing

Ch. Turk stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns with the traffic flow at Banks Crossing. Some of the concerns that the Commissioners had was the traffic flow, U-turns, road between Racetrac and Pizza Hut and the sign at the redlight at Wendys says Faulkner Rd instead of Steven B. Tanger.

Comm. Ausburn stated if U-turns were going to be allowed then there had to be a safer way to do that.

Justin Lott stated he went to the area at Steve Reynolds/County Line and the U-turn area meets all the sight distance requirements. He also stated the road sign name could be changed.

Comm. Ausburn asked what the time frame on a traffic study was in order to improve the safety at certain areas.

Jonathan Peevy stated the goal was to come back after construction was complete and see if a traffic signal was needed at Steve Reynolds/County line.

Mike Cleveland stated that school buses traveled through Banks Crossing and they have had to wait sometimes as long as 10 - 15 minutes to get out into the safely at Seven Tanger/Faulkner Rd. He said people were doing U-turns and going to fast turning on Faulkner from 441.

Shane Giles stated that the project came about for safety improvement purposes, and they would continue to monitor and hopefully improve the area.

Vice Ch. Maxwell asked about the sidewalk lighting and when those would be repaired.

John Weaver - 161 Brady Cemetery Dr., Baldwin - Asked what was the decision criteria for the median and who was the decision maker?

Ch. Turk stated GDOT made the decision but held meetings in 2018 stating what their plans were.

Justin Lott stated that it was frustrating to get around but when you improve safety you mess up convenience and vice versa.

Henry Kesler, Risk Manager for Northeast Georgia Bank - Stated they were getting a lot of transfer trucks that were using their parking lot as a road because there was a road sign at the traffic light that says Dallas Drive. He stated that because of the sign Google shows Dallas Drive as a roadway behind the bank and this has caused the canopy to be damaged several times and is quite a costly repair. He asked the County to look at getting that signage changed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk