

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on January 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex.

Members Present

Chairman Jimmy Hooper
Vice Chairman Charles Turk
Commissioner David Duckett
Commissioner Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present

County Clerk Regina Gailey
Finance Officer Randy Failyer

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to delete Sweetwater Way from item #5: Charles Turk

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

3. Moment of Reflection

Ch. Hooper stated his wife had two traffic accidents within the past couple of weeks with no injuries. He further stated every day and every breath is a gift that we shouldn't take for granted.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the pledge.

5. Lakeview Drive

Comm. Reece stated there was a hill on this road that many loads of gravel had been dropped with no good results. He recommended paving the hill portion with asphalt and stated he had gotten an estimate from Stratton & Sons for \$5,596 but the county would furnish the gravel.

Motion to approve the paving to be completed by Stratton & Sons to be paid out of the 2012 SPLOST account: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

6. Water Insurance

Ch. Hooper stated 12 residential customers currently are under contract paying approximately \$53/month to payoff approximately \$15,000 of loss water. He stated the city of Nicholson was currently considering contracting with an outside company to handle the insurance.

Motion to implement the water insurance for residential customers only to include the following stipulations: Jimmy Hooper

1. Every customer will be charged an extra \$1.50 each month which will go into an account to be used for catastrophic water loss claims only.
2. Any customer, by written notice, will be allowed to opt out of the insurance program. If they opt out they will not have any insurance coverage.
3. The insurance will ONLY cover lost water. It will exclude any and all equipment repairs. The insurance is for water only.
4. To qualify a claim for payment the amount of lost water must be two times the customer's average water statement.
5. Claims will be limited to once every 12 months per individual customer.
6. To validate a claim of lost water, an inspection will be made as quickly as possible by a committee consisting of a representative from the water department, an elected commissioner and member of the county maintenance department.
7. If after five years a customer does not have a claim, one half of the total premium paid (\$90) for five years will be refunded to their account. This will apply for every five years where no claims are made on the policy.

Comm. Duckett stated he would at least change the claim time limit to 24 or 36 months instead of 12 months. Comm. Reece stated he thought there should be a maximum dollar claim limit. Vice Ch. Turk suggested paying up to 5 times the customer's average water bill. He then asked if this included leaks from the meter to the house or inside the house as well. Ch. Hooper stated he thought it should be for lost water regardless if it was inside or outside the home. He also stated he felt this would be a benefit to the citizens. Comm. Maxwell stated the citizens would have a choice to participate or not. Vice Ch. Turk stated he felt a contract should be drawn by the County Attorney to be considered at a future meeting.

Second: David Duckett

Vice Ch. Turk asked what would happen if the fund was depleted. Ch. Hooper stated that was the risk the county would take and that the claims would then be paid from the public utility fund. He stated over time he didn't feel that would be a factor once the fund was built up. Comm. Duckett agreed that a contract should be drawn. Ch. Hooper stated he did not mind a contract and stated this was only a vote to proceed with the implementation of the insurance.

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion carried.

7. Executive Session – Land Acquisition/Disposal

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss Land Acquisition/Disposal: David Duckett

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and the executive session began at 6:53 p.m.

Motion to come out of executive session and reconvene the meeting at 7:08 p.m.: Sammy Reece
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-7)*

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
All aye votes and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk