

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 28, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the board room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex with Chairman Gene Hart and Commissioner Joe Barefoot present. Commissioner Rickey Cain was absent due to sickness. Also present were Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard, Finance Officer Randy Failyer and E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore and Development Authority Members:

Wayne Abernathy
Bill Griffin
Jimmy Morrison
Stan Stewart
Graham Hodgkins
Jack Banks
Scott Ledford

1. Call to Order

Ch. Gene Hart called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the agenda. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

3. Moment of Silence

Ch. Hart asked for a moment of silence in consideration of the November 4th election.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Ch. Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Comment: NONE

6. Courthouse Cabling

Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard

Ms. Sheppard stated this was a proposal from Ansley Communications who was the voice/data vendor for the courthouse annex and was continuing to work with the county on the courthouse renovation. She stated this proposal was for cabling that needed to be run for the voice/data at the courthouse. The total proposal was for \$41,254.95. Chuck Ansley was present to answer any questions. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the contract. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Ch. Hart stated the board was using electronic agendas for the first time in the meeting today.

7. Satellite & Redundant Repeater Sealed Bid Waiver

E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore

Ms. Moore stated this was a repeat of the request that was made during budget worksessions in the spring but this would provide a record of the bid waiver. She stated this was due to Banks County currently using one maintenance provider for all E911 equipment and because she would like to remain with the current provider Gunby Communications for convenience and uninterrupted service on existing infrastructure. She stated the purchase was already budgeted and would not involve any additional funds. Comm. Barefoot approved the bid waiver for the satellite and redundant repeater. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

8. Resolutions:

a. 2008 Millage Rate

Ch. Hart stated the proposed 2008 millage rate was to stay the same as the previous year at 8.304. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution. Ch. Hart seconded. Comm. Barefoot stated the board worked hard to keep the 2009 budget where it is in order not to place additional burdens on the taxpayers. Ch. Hart agreed and stated the staff also worked hard to keep the budget as low as possible. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)2008-29*

b. Comprehensive Plan Adoption

Ms. Sheppard stated public hearings had been held and Mactec Engineering had been contracted to complete the update. The deadline for the adoption is October 31, 2008. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the plan. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)2008-30*

c. Short Term Solid Waste Management Plan Adoption

Ms. Sheppard stated public hearings had been held and Mactec Engineering had been contracted to complete the interim plan update. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)2008-31*

d. Records Management Plan

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated this was to specify the assistant county clerk as a replacement in the clerk's absence for records management and open records requests. She stated the Board of Commissioners is responsible for the records retention with the clerk appointed to manage the process. She also stated it places responsibilities on each county department head to maintain their department records in accordance with the approved records retention schedule by the county which is currently prepared by the Secretary of State's office. It also states the department head will respond to open records requests for their department. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)2008-32*

9. Contracts & Agreements:

a. Development Authority – Industrial Development Funds

Postponed: 10/14/2008

Ch. Hart stated this was an agreement on how the Industrial Development funds would be handled by the Board of Commissioners and the Development Authority. Comm. Barefoot asked if the Development Authority would have input and veto power in hiring the developer. Ch. Hart stated yes but the county would make the final decision. Comm. Barefoot asked if the standard county salary scale would apply to the position. Ch. Hart stated he was not sure the position was on the current scale and stated he thought qualifications should apply. Comm. Barefoot also asked who would supervise the employee if the county hired for the position – Development Authority or County. Ch. Abernathy stated the county would supervise the employee but the Development Authority would like to work with the employee as well. Ch. Hart stated it would be a mutual effort but the Board of Commissioners would have the final say. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the agreement. Ch. Hart seconded. Development Authority Chairman Wayne Abernathy stated the authority had approved the agreement at a prior meeting. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Later in the meeting Ch. Hart stated the expiration date for the agreement would be December 31, 2013. Comm. Barefoot agreed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)*

10. Boards & Authorities:

a. Planning Commission-4 year term – Albert Ward

Postponed: 10/14/2008

b. Planning Commission-4 year term – Sammy Reese

Postponed: 10/14/2008

Ch. Hart made a motion to appoint Melinda Cochran to the position. There was no second. Motion died due to lack of second. Comm. Barefoot stated he realized there were a number of applications received for appointment to the Planning Commission but stated he felt the current members should remain on the board and made a motion to reappoint Albert Ward and Sammy Reese to their positions. There was no second. Motion died due to lack of second. Ch. Hart stated this would be reconsidered at a future meeting.

c. Georgia Mountains Community Service Board-3year

Postponed: 10/14/2008

term – Vacant

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to postpone the appointment until an application is received. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

*d. Northeast GA Regional Board for Mental Health,
Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse*

3 year term-6/30/2008

Ch. Hart stated Donna Gailey had applied for appointment to the board. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to appoint Ms. Gailey to the board for a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2011. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

11. Executive Session: Land Acquisition

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition at 4:00 p.m. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to come out of executive session at 4:35 p.m. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)*

12. Adjournment

With no further business, Comm. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ch. Hart seconded. Two aye votes and meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
