

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a worksession/meeting on June 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Rickey Cain and Commissioner Joe Barefoot. Also present were Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard and Finance Officer Randy Failyer.

1. Call to Order

Chairman 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. Unified Development Code Update – Ross & Associates Bill Ross

Bill Ross of Ross & Associates was present for discussion of suggested changes and updates to the Banks County Code. Some recommendations made involved:

Understaffing

Manufactured Home ages

Preliminary and final plat review and approval changes

ARR District

New District

Multifamily District

Junk Vehicles

A draft copy of the changes and updates will be presented for approval at a later date.

4. FY2009 Budget

Probate Ct

Judge Betty Thomas asked for a 5% increase in Probate Ct employee salaries due to increase in workload. Comm. Cain stated it would be hard to give a larger increase to one department without giving it to all.

Chamber of Commerce

Board members Helen Hewell and Robin Trotter requested an increase in the initial request of \$35,000 to \$40,000 to allow and increase in the Director's salary. Ms. Trotter also stated they would be asking the Convention & Visitors Bureau to partner with the Chamber as Entrepreneurial Friendly County Program. Ch. Hart and Comm. Barefoot stated they would consider the request.

Ch. Hart called for a recess for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

Comm. Cain and Comm. Barefoot both agreed that in order to not increase property taxes and in order to make up the shortfall in revenues, the prior year reserve would have to be used toward the budget. The amount would be approximately \$2.6 million. Mr. Failyer stated it would be possible and would allow close to 3 months operating funds in the reserve. Ms. Gailey expressed concerns that if the prior year reserve was used that aggressively each year, at some point funds would be depleted and taxes would have to be raised sharply to compensate.

5. Courthouse/Annex Moving Company Interviews

A Request for Proposals was sent requesting moving services and two were received as follows:

Adams Transfer & Storage	\$25,698.25
Bekins – University Moving and Storage Company	\$44,164.30

Each company was interviewed and a decision will be made at the 3:30 regular meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
