

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on July 8, 2014 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 Attorney Randall Frost
Financial Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey
Economic Developer Brad Day

Media Present

Banks County News – Alex Pace
Access North Georgia - Rob Moore

1. Call to Order

Ch. Hooper called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to delete item #15g *Commerce Water Purchase Agreement* and to add item #16 *Recreation Board Member Resignation: Jimmy Hooper*

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

3. Prayer

Ch. Hooper stated we all have the capability to do a lot of things but the question is – should we? Great people do great things but we don't think often about the things they didn't do. Just because you can do things doesn't always mean you should do them.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Hooper led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion to approve the invoices: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 6/10

Motion to approve the 6/10/2014 minutes: Sammy Reece

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

7. “Life in Banks Photo Contest” Winners

Certificates for honorable mentions and prizes for 1st and 2nd place winners were given to the following:

Life in Banks category:

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| First Place | “Real Farmers” by Kaye Crane |
| Second Place | “Summer Fort” by Willette Mote |
| Honorable Mentions | “Fort in Snow” by Beth Galloway “My Garden” by Janice Tennent |

Landscapes category:

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| First Place | “Snowy Cardinals” by Jennifer Hart |
| Second Place | “Gracepoint Barn at Night” by Jennifer Hart |
| Honorable Mention | “Old Red Barn at Gracepoint” by Jennifer Hart |

Animals category:

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| First Place | “Foggy Morning” by Janice Tennent |
| Honorable Mention | “Birdy” by Janice Tennent “Sleeping Calf” by Janice Tennent |

The winners will be featured on the new Banks County website set to launch in a few weeks.

8. Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. Z-14-02 – AH-Kow Chan – An application to rezone 10 acres at 512 N. Mangum Bridge Rd from M-1, Industrial to ARR, Agricultural, Rural-Residential.

Ch. Hooper closed the commissioners meeting. County Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Brad Day, Development Authority Executive stated this was a rezoning request from M-1 to ARR. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Chan spoke in favor of the application.

Motion to approve the application: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

b. Z-14-03 – Charlotte Weeks & Thomas Weeks, Jr. – An application to rezone 3.47 acres at Sims Bridge Rd from M-1, Industrial to ARR, Agricultural, Rural-Residential.

Ch. Hooper closed the commissioners meeting. County Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Brad Day, Development Authority Executive stated this was a rezoning request from M-1 to ARR. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Weeks spoke in favor of the application by stating the property was timber land and that they did not know when they purchased the property that it was zoned M-1.

Motion to approve the application: Danny Maxwell
Second: David Duckett
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

9. Candler Street Underground Storage Tank Closure

Brit Myers

Mr. Myers stated basically there were two options at this point in the closure process and recommended going with Option #2 which included injecting the soil in the amount of \$57,519.95. Ch. Hooper stated he would agree to this treatment option but if further treatment and expense is required he would not agree until he and others made a visit to EPD to discuss the situation.

Motion to approve Option #2 for \$57,519.95: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Charles Turk
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

10. 2015 Flyover and Pictometry – Tax Maps

Kevin Whitman

Mr. Whitman stated the contract for the flyover had been awarded and a quote for obliques had been obtained. He stated obliques would add another dimension to the property and would aid greatly in tax appraising as well as public safety. He stated obliques are obtained at a 40 degree angle in order to show height in structures at a 360 degree view.

Motion to the flyover and the obliques: Sammy Reece
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed. *(Copy of price breakdown filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

11. Opportunity Zone Expansion – Banks Crossing

Brad Day

Mr. Day stated Banks County had received Opportunity Zone approval for the old Pottery property at Banks Crossing. He requested that the property where the old sporting goods store and seafood restaurant be added to the approved opportunity zone.

Motion to approve the request for the addition: Jimmy Hooper
Second: Danny Maxwell
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed. *(Copy of map filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

12. Vehicle Purchase: Maintenance Department & Road Department

Mr. Failyer stated the need for truck replacements for the Maintenance Department and the Road Department. He asked for approval from the board to seek bids on one truck for each department. Motion to approve the purchase and to authorize Mr. Failyer to seek bids for the trucks: Charles Turk
Second: Sammy Reece
Vote: 5:0
Unanimous vote and motion passed.

13. GA Mtn Community Services Board Member – Elected Official

Ms. Gailey stated this a new requirement from the legislature appointing an elected official to serve on the board the length of their elected term which ends December 31, 2016. This will be in addition to the private sector member which is currently Rita Bush.

Motion to appoint Chairman Jimmy Hooper to the position: Sammy Reece

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

14. GA Mtn Regional Commission Board Member – Private Sector – Leslie George

Ch. Hooper stated this was reappointment for another one year term for Leslie George.

Motion to reappointment Ms. George: Jimmy Hooper

Second: Danny Maxwell

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed.

15. Contracts & Bid Awards:

a. FY2015 Public Transportation Operating Contract - \$44,679

Mr. Failyer stated this was a renewal of the yearly contract.

Motion to approve the contract: Danny Maxwell

Second: Charles Turk

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

b. FY2015 Georgia Department of Corrections Prison Detail Agreement - \$39,500

Mr. Failyer stated there was no change in the yearly agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

c. FY2015 Tates Creek Fire Services Contract - \$3,000

Mr. Failyer stated there was no change in the yearly contract.

Motion to approve the contract: Charles Turk

Second: Sammy Reece

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

d. FY2015 GIS Support Services Agreement – eGIS Associates, Inc. - \$3,600

Mr. Failyer stated there was no change in the yearly agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

e. FY2015 Courthouse Audio/Visual Service Agreement – Nsync, Inc.

Mr. Failyer stated the contract was in the amount of \$2,350.

Motion to approve the agreement pending Courthouse camera installation within 30 days:

Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

f. FY2015 Courthouse Audio/Visual Service Agreement – Nsync, Inc.

Mr. Failyer stated the contract was in the amount of \$1,175.

Motion to approve the agreement pending Courthouse camera installation within 30 days:

Charles Turk

Second: Jimmy Hooper

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of agreement filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5)*

g. Commerce Water Purchase Agreement

Deleted

16. Recreation Board Member

Ch. Hooper stated he had received a resignation letter from Michael Williams. He also stated there had been some talk of reducing the 9 member board to 5 members as terms expire. This would require a resolution to change the structure of the board. Atty Frost will prepare the resolution for future consideration.

Motion to accept Mr. Williams' resignation: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed.

17. FY2015 Budget Approval

Mr. Failyer stated the budget had been advertised and two public hearings were held earlier this date.

He said the total budget was \$13,570,324.

Motion to approve the budget approval resolution: Jimmy Hooper

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

All aye votes and motion passed. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-5) 2014-11*

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Danny Maxwell

Second: David Duckett

Vote: 5:0

Unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
