

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a joint work session/meeting with the Banks County Board of Education and the City of Homer on February 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Homer City Hall with Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain present. The purpose of the meeting was for discussion between the boards and council of present and future projects. Members present with the Board of Education were:

Superintendent Chris Erwin

Chairman Neal Brown

Member Ron Gardiner

Member Johnny Williams

Member Bo Garrison

Members present with the Homer City Council were:

Mayor Doug Cheek

Member Kevin Cape

Member Betty Borders

Member Chris Tucker

Member Jerry Griffin

Items of discussion included growth within the county and city and ways to manage growth. Discussions were also held concerning Planned Unit Developments as well as new subdivisions. Ch. Hart stated matched growth is important going forward. Commercial and Industrial growth should match Residential growth. He stated this could also be called balanced growth. Comm. Barefoot stated he was in favor of restudying the Planned Unit Development Ordinance and adjusting the ordinance to create a better use to the county.

Call to Order

Chairman Hart called the meeting to order.

County Business:

1. Sealed Bid Waiver for Server Client Access Licenses

Leonard Burris

Technology Administrator Leonard Burris requested that the sealed bid policy be waived for this item due to the fact that it was for a specified server and further stated he would seek 3 to 5 bids from various vendors that carry the specific server. Once the bids are received he would present a recommendation to the board for approval of purchase. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to waive the sealed bid policy. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Board of Education:

1. Gravel – Bus Turnarounds

Ch. Hart stated the county could no longer go onto private property to place gravel on bus turnarounds.

2. County Use of Gasoline/Diesel Pumps

Superintendent Erwin stated the school saved an average of \$.45/gallon on gasoline and \$.39/gallon on diesel. He stated the county vehicles could also use the fuel and fuel cards could be issued in order to access the pumps. The Board office would issue and invoice on a monthly basis with an administrative fee added for processing. Ch. Hart stated more research would be done toward this issue before a decision is made.

City of Homer:

1. Building Inspections:

Ch. Hart offered county building inspection services to the city if needed. Mayor Cheek and Councilman Cape stated they would like for the permit to come through their office so the city may charge a fee as well for the permit. They could pay the county on a monthly basis for the service. They stated they would consider the service.

2. Old Courthouse Property

Ch. Hart stated the county owns the property and pays the utilities. The city maintains the property. Mayor Cheek questioned who should give permission concerning activities held within the park. Research will be done concerning this issue.

3. City Road Maintenance

Ch. Hart stated an agreement would need to be drawn between the two entities if the city still wanted the county to maintain certain city streets.

Adjournment

With no further business, Comm. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk
