

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a work session/meeting on January 25, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse with all members present. Chairman Gene Hart called the meeting to order.

Ch. Hart stated there were three items that needed to be added to the agenda as follows:

4. R-2 – Multifamily Residential Zoning Moratorium Resolution
5. Gravel Hauling Contract Bid Award
6. Industrial Park Boulevard Property Transfer

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to amend the agenda to add the items as stated. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

#### **1. La Fiesta Grille Alcohol License**

Ch. Hart stated this was for Malt Beverage, Wine and Distilled Spirits Consumption licenses. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the license. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

#### **2. Tax Penalty Waiver Resolution**

Ch. Hart stated this was to authorize the Tax Commissioner to determine if a penalty & interest may be waived on a disputed unpaid property tax bill in the event it is due to a clerical error or other error made by the Tax Office. The decision had been made by the Commissioners in the past but Ch. Hart stated the Tax Commission could better identify if the penalty and interest warrants a waiver. Commissioner Cain made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8) 2007-03

#### **3. Investment Authorization Resolutions**

County Clerk Jenni Gailey stated through research she had found that the Office of the Treasury and Fiscal Services offered investment options for local governments through the Georgia Extended Asset Pool for longer term investments and the Georgia Fund 1 for shorter term investments. The Georgia Fund 1 is paying the best net interest rate at present in the amount of 5.33%. This rate is variable on a monthly basis but can be transferred in as little as 24 hours or less if needed. The history of the fund showed the lowest rate in the past year being 4.93%. The current interest rate on the funds at Regions Bank is a fixed rate of 4.25%. She further stated that the Office of the Treasury and Fiscal Services recommended setting up a GEAP Fund as well as a Georgia Fund 1 fund even if one is not used at the present. Comm. Barefoot asked the amount to be invested. Ms. Gailey stated she would research the current funds needed for projects within the next 90 days and then get back with the Commissioners with a total transfer amount. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve both resolutions and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. (Copy of Resolutions filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8) 2007-04, 2007-05

#### **4. R-2 – Multifamily Residential Zoning Moratorium Resolution**

Ch. Hart stated there was a need for some changes to the ordinance and a moratorium was needed to make the changes before anymore applications are filed. He further stated he thought 90 days would be sufficient to research for changes. Comm. Barefoot stated he would rather the moratorium be expanded to 120 days to further insure enough time for research into the changes. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the moratorium resolution to include 120 days. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

(Copy of Resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8) 2007-06

#### **5. Gravel Hauling Contract Bid Award**

Ch. Hart stated the contract will go into effect February 15, 2007. Ch. Hart stated they had received two bids as follows:

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| Shubert Hauling  | \$4.77/ton |
| Triple H Hauling | \$4.49/ton |

Ch. Hart recommended Triple H Hauling as low bidder. Comm. Cain made a motion to table this item until the February 13, 2007 to allow time to consult with the Road Foreman. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

#### **6. Industrial Park Boulevard Property Transfer**

Ch. Hart stated there was an inquiry for purchase of a 1.54 acre tract labeled 5B on the survey which is attached to the deed specifying county property located on Industrial Boulevard in the industrial park. He asked that the property be transferred to the Development Authority in order to sell the property. Comm. Cain made a motion to transfer the property to the Development Authority. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. (Copy of deed and plat filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8)

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk

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