

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Banks County Courthouse with Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Rickey Cain and Commissioner Joe Barefoot present. Attorney Randall Frost was also present.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gene Hart called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

3. Moment of Silence

Ch. Hart asked for a moment of silence.

4. Pledge To The American Flag

Ch. Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Invoices

Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the invoices for payment as of today. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

6. Approval of Previous Month Minutes – 5/1, 5/8, 5/14

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

7. Employee Recognition

Gina Ramey & Tim Grice

The Commissioners and Emergency Services Director Steve Nichols recognized Gina Ramey & Tim Grice for attaining recognition by the State of Georgia for the following:

On May 14th 2007 PMDC/ FF Gina Ramey and PMDC/FF Tim Grice received the State of Georgia's EMS award for service rendered at an accident during a Banks County High School athletic event. This is the "Joseph E. Simon Pediatric Award of Excellence". This award was only given to three EMS employees through out the entire state. The plaque reads "In Recognition of exemplary knowledge and skills in the delivery of quality pediatric care instrumental to improving the lives of Georgia's Children".

8. Public Hearings to Consider Planning Commission Recommendations

a. CU-07-09 – Pierce Hardy Limited Partnership – Conditional use permit for a family fun center.

Ch. Hart opened the public hearing and asked Code Enforcement Officer Keith Covington to present the application. Officer Covington stated this was a 4.96 acre tract located on map/parcel B55-015 on Highway 441S. The current use is a vacant former 84 Lumber building. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. Charlie Armentrout of, Roebuck, Matheny Consulting Group represented the applicants Brent & Mary Greenwood. He presented plans for the business and stated it would include miniature golf, bumper boats, go carts, laser tag, inflatables and parties. He stated a feasibility study was done which showed in favor of the project. He further stated no alcoholic beverages would be served and hours of operation would be Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons. Ch. Hart closed the public hearing. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the application. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Ch. Hart opened the public hearing and asked Code Enforcement Officer Keith Covington to present the ordinances as follows:

b. An Ordinance to Delete Section 74-93 Entitled "Application for Preliminary Plat Approval" Of Article IV of the Subdivision Regulations of the Code of Banks County, Georgia

c. An Ordinance to Delete Section 74-95, Entitled "Preliminary Plat Specifications", Paragraph (4), Subparagraph P., Of Article IV of the Subdivision Regulations of the Code of Banks County, Georgia, in its entirety to delete Health Department approval for preliminary plats.

d. An Ordinance to delete Section 74-100 Entitled "Final Plat Specifications" Paragraph (3), Subparagraph Q., Of Article IV of the Subdivision Regulations of the Code of Banks County, Georgia, in its Entirety and to insert in lieu thereof a new subparagraph so as to provide for Health Department approval.

Ch. Hart closed the public hearing. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the ordinances. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of ordinances filed in Attachment to minutes Book #8-2)2007-18, 2007-19, 2007-20**

9. BJC Hospital Bond

Jim Yarborough, Chief Executive Officer of BJC Medical Center stated the vision was for a new hospital built on donated land consisting of over 20 acres on the 441 bypass just below Banks Crossing in Jackson County at the fork of the old and new US441. He stated Commerce had already committed to a one time in-kind support for utilities valued at approximately \$850,000. The total cost of the construction would be approximately \$37 million with the Banks County portion being 30% or approximately \$11.1 million and the Jackson County portion being 70% or approximately \$25.9 million. Others present to speak in favor of the construction were BJC Chief Financial Officer Bill Williams, Banks County BJC Hospital Authority members Don Brown and Jimmy Hooper. Comm. Barefoot asked what the current facility would be used for. Mr. Yarborough stated it could be used for long term care, adult daycare services, inpatient hospice care or inpatient geriatric psychiatric care. Ch. Hart asked the capacity of the new facility. Mr. Yarborough stated the capacity in the beginning would be 50 beds. Ch. Hart stated the hospital authority had agreed to hold a public hearing concerning the issue. Commissioners agreed that it would be in the best interest of the citizens to hold a public hearing to allow public input before a decision is made.

10. Boards:

a. DFCS Board

Brenda Sullivan

Ch. Hart stated Ms. Sullivan had agreed to serve another term if reappointed. This would be a 5 year term to expire June 30, 2012. Comm. Cain made a motion to reappoint Ms. Sullivan to the board. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

b. Library Board

Pam Clough

Ch. Hart stated Ms. Clough had stated she did not wish to serve another term. Comm. Barefoot stated he would like more time to contact a citizen he would like to consider for appointment to the board and asked that the appointment be held until the July 10, 2007 meeting.

c. GA Mtn Regional Dev Center – Private Sector

Leslie George

Ch. Hart stated Ms. George agreed to serve another 1 year term if reappointed. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to reappoint Ms. George to the board. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. This is a 1 year term to expire June 30, 2008.

d. GA Mtn Regional Dev Center – Public Sector

Rickey Cain

Ch. Hart stated Angela Sheppard had agreed to serve if appointed to the board and made a motion to appoint Ms. Sheppard to the position. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. This is a 1 year term to expire June 30, 2008.

11. Peace Place Support – Victims Assistance Fund

Ch. Hart stated he had received a letter requesting the yearly support that has been done in the past in the amount of \$8,000 from the Victims Assistance Fund. He also stated that last year was the only time we had given \$8,000 due to skipping the previous year. He said historically \$4,000 was given in prior years.

Comm. Cain made a motion to contribute \$4,000 to the Peace Place which is a Victims Assistance Certified Agency. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

12. Resolutions:

a. County Offices – Credit Card/Check Authorization

Ch. Hart stated this was a resolution to authorize county offices to accept payment of fees, taxes, permits, etc. by credit cards and checks. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2) 2007-21**

b. FY2008 Budget – Continuing Operation Authorization

Ch. Hart stated since the FY2008 budget would not be approved before July 1, 2007 this would allow operation to continue until the new budget is approved. An expiration date would have to be specified. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution with an expiration date of August 1, 2007. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2) 2007-22**

c. Appointed Board Member Resignations

Ch. Hart stated this resolution would provide that qualifying to run for public office shall constitute an automatic resignation from any appointed position on any board, commission or authority the members of which are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the resolution. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2) 2007-23**

13. Contracts:

***a. Martin Bridge Rd Comprehensive Plan Contract Extension-GMRDC* 7/31/2007**

Ch. Hart stated this contract was originally executed to expire December 31, 2005. This extension would expire July 31, 2007. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the contract extension but specified this would be for one extension only. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

b. Bi-Tek, LLC Appraisal Software

Kevin Whitman

Kevin Whitman, Chief Tax Appraiser stated this was for updating the existing obsolete appraisal software and moving to a Microsoft Windows platform. He stated there would be three phases of migration with this being Phase I in the amount of \$3,469. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to approve the contract. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of the contract filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2)**

14. Georgia State Patrol Speed Detection Device Request

Ch. Hart stated he had received a request for an additional 5 devices by the Georgia State Patrol. The total cost of the units total \$9,560. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to purchase the 5 units to be paid from the contingency budget line. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

14. Executive Session – Personnel

Ch. Hart stated the need to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Cain made a motion to go into executive session at 7:35 p.m. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. Comm. Cain made a motion to come out of executive session and to reconvene the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2)**

15. Adjournment

With no further business, Comm. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk
