

The Banks County Board of Commissioner held a work session on June 6, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Also present were Jenni Gailey, County Clerk, Randy Failyer, Finance Officer, Angela Sheppard, Administrative Officer and Sharon Hogan from the Banks County News.

#### **Senior Center**

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#### **Planning and Zoning**

Ch. Hart stated they could make planning and zoning two separate departments. Planning and Zoning would be a department and then there would be code enforcement office. Planning and Zoning would include a comprehensive plan revision, code ordinance revision and an impact fee study. Comm. Cain stated this would involve hiring an additional employee and he was not in favor of that. The commissioners came to a consensus to do the comprehensive plan since it is required by state law to update by 2008 and to do the code revision since it will delete some inconsistencies in the code. The estimated cost of the two updates would be around \$100,000.

#### **District Attorney**

Ch. Hart stated that Paul Hitchcock the Assistant District Attorney said that Allie Mauldin would be the assistant district attorney until the governor appointed a district attorney until the election in 2008. Ch. Hart said that we would have to pay her a supplement.

#### **Superior Court**

Judge Adamson said there are going to be two law clerks and a court administrator. \$11,000 would be the cost of the law clerks and Banks County would pay 14% of the salary for the court administrator. Judge Adamson said that he would prefer to have the public defender's contract a separate line item. The public defender's contract is \$85,000. Judge Adamson stated that he thought the indigent defense should be increased. Ms. Gailey stated the Court Appointed Attorney's contract should be increased to \$88,000. Judge Adamson said \$30,000 should be enough for indigent defense which would include interpreters and transcripts.

#### **Roads**

There are no changes in personnel. Change engineering fees to \$20,000. Make grassing \$2,000 and this amount can be available for Eagle's Nest. Leave \$50,000 in buildings for repairs. Make road paving maintenance 600,000. Purchase a new F-150 4x4 to replace an older truck that had caught on fire. This would make the total road budget \$1,529,350.

#### **Fire/EMS**

Reduce Communication Equipment to \$2,500. Take tires and tubes to \$7,500. Cut vehicle and equipment to \$50,000. Make education \$3,500 and travel \$1,000. The trend for general supplies is \$40,000 and reduce equipment to \$7,000.

#### **Public Utilities**

##### ***Water Pumping/Purification***

Director Steve Reece is requesting two new operators and Ch. Hart suggested just one new operator that can be a trainee and do maintenance of the tanks and grass cutting.

#### **Water Admin**

The commissioner's wanted to keep the part-time position at sixteen hours per week. Louie Dean will be moved to the water plant budget and there will not be a purchase of a new truck.

***Sewer***

Mr. Reece has stated earlier that there was money left in the FY2007 to purchase a bush hog for the spray fields and Comm. Barefoot and Comm. Cain do not want to move money around in the budget.

***Water Distribution/Maintenance***

Mr. Reece is requesting an additional maintenance and construction position but the commissioners are not approving the new position. Comm. Cain wants to check on contracting the installation of meters and lines and use water distribution for repairs and meter readings only..

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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