

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a work session/meeting on June 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to amend the agenda to add the jail reimbursement fee agreement to the agenda under the budget items. Comm. Cain seconded. All aye votes and the agenda was amended.

Water Dept Purchases – Sealed Bid Waiver

Water Distribution is in need of a new 550 truck for hauling equipment and also they need a generator for the spray fields and a bush hog and tractor. Comm. Cain stated to get bids for the bush hog and tractor. Comm. Cain made a motion to waive the sealed bid process on purchasing the three items. Comm. Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion passed.

Fund Investment Resolution

Mr. Failyer stated that he wanted transfer funds into the Georgia Fund One Investment Pool in order to draw more interest. The current rate is 5.29%, which is greater than 4% that Regions Bank is paying us now. The money that would be going in the account is any over flow that is in the general fund. Mr. Failyer stated that the money could be available on a twenty-four hour notice. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to allow staff to enter into the resolution. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion passed. **(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2) 2007-24**

FY2008 Budget

Ch. Hart stated that we have an area in the county that is not covered by an ambulance 24 hours a day. Comm. Cain wanted to know how much of a need is there. Ch. Hart stated that his priority is to see the County go forward. Comm. Barefoot stated that we have been able to service that area with the help of Habersham County. Comm. Cain asked Mr. Pollard if the need for the 24 hour ambulance. Mr. Pollard stated the need was there simply for the reason of response time. Mr. Pollard stated that it would be a 15 minute response time and that could be devastating. Mr. Pollard stated that Habersham County is responding but there is a strong possibility that they won't be responding much anymore since Habersham County calls are increasing. Mr. Nichols stated that the greatest concern is that if one truck gets tied up at night then we're down to one truck. Comm. Barefoot asked what it would cost the County. Option two would cost \$227,000 that would include one paramedic and one EMT on a 24 hour shift. Comm. Barefoot stated that the least expensive way is option three and Ch. Hart replied that the least expensive option overall is plan two because there will be no extra overtime. Comm. Cain suggested that we take the additional amount that it would take to fund the twenty-four hour ambulance out of the general fund. Comm. Barefoot stated that if we could take the money out of the general fund then he was for it but if it would make a tax increase he would like to see a better working relationship with surrounding counties. The commissioners all agreed to go with option two and to take it out of the fund balance.

Prisoner Transport Van

Ch. Hart and Comm. Barefoot stated that they would like to take the prisoner transport van out the budget. Comm. Cain stated that at court time there are about eight cars at the back of the courthouse.

Jail Reimbursement Fee

This was an agreement for Banks County to board Jackson County prisoners. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement after the county attorney has looked over the contract. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion passed.

Adjournment

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
