

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on August 28, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Banks County Courthouse with Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Rickey Cain and Commissioner Joe Barefoot present. Also present were Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard and Finance Officer Randy Failyer.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gene Hart called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ch. Hart stated "Possible Litigation" from Item #9 Executive Session could be deleted. He also said "Abstaining from Voting Resolution" and "Wrecker Resolution Discussion" could be added. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to amend the agenda as previously stated and to also add "Animal Control". Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

3. Banks County Fire/EMS Explorer Program

Steve Nichols

Emergency Services Director Steve Nichols presented an overview of a program targeted toward youth in Banks County who are between the ages 14 years old and 18 years old and asked for the Commissioners support of the program. He said this program would allow for earlier recruitment in emergency services as well as preparing the youth involved for this type of work and certification beyond high school. He clarified that no youth would be allowed to ride on county vehicles, fight fires or hangout at county facilities. He said this program was modeled after a national program that was part of the Boys Scouts of America program. Fundraisers will be held for financial support of the program. Jeremy Dennis will be coordinating the program. Ch. Hart stated a support resolution would be prepared for consideration at the September meeting.

4. Banks County Fire/EMS Outreach Program

Steve Nichols

Emergency Services Director Steve Nichols presented an overview of a program targeted toward citizens of Banks County who are ages 65 years old and over or disabled shut-ins living alone and asked for the Commissioners support of the program. He said this would involve periodic phone calls to these citizens and visits if necessary just to help insure their safety and well being. Brian Eubanks will be coordinating the program. Ch. Hart stated a support resolution would be prepared for consideration at the September meeting.

5. Resolutions:

a. Georgia Fund I Investment Resolutions

Randy Failyer

Mr. Failyer stated the resolutions were to allow funds invested in the Georgia Fund I Investment Pool to be transferred back to each account. This involves the 2006 Bond Debt Service Account and the Industrial Development Account. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the resolutions for both accounts. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of resolutions filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2)2007-28, 2007-29**

6. FY2008 Public Transportation Operating Contract - \$39,615 – County portion \$19,807

Ch. Hart stated this was the annual operating contract that extends from 7/1/2007 through 6/30/2008 with the county portion being \$19,807. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the contract. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

7. Ford Motor Credit Lease – Sheriff Cars

Mr. Failyer stated this was the lease agreement for the 8 patrol cars for the Sheriff's department that was authorized during the budget process in the total amount of \$237,222. The first payment is currently due in the amount of \$83,647.80. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the lease agreement and to issue the first payment. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

8. Recreation Zero Turn Mower – Place back into use

Ch. Hart stated that after this Model STHM 220V, Serial #14750866 mower had been surplus in a

previous meeting; the Water Department inspected the mower and discovered they could use the machine for mowing around water tanks. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to take the mower off the surplus list and place it back into use by the Water Department. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

9. Abstaining from Voting Resolution

Ch. Hart stated this had been postponed at the August 14, 2007 meeting. He also said the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia recommended the resolution be passed to require that when a County Commissioner abstains from voting on an issue, they must state the reason for abstaining in order for it to become a part of the record. He further stated this was not required but was recommended. Comm. Cain made a motion to deny the resolution. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

10. Wrecker Resolution

Ch. Hart stated the resolution was currently being revised and asked the Commissioners to review the draft resolution and give comments and suggestions toward the revision before the final draft is considered for adoption.

11. Animal Control

Comm. Barefoot stated there were a growing number of citizens in Banks County in favor of Animal Control and recommended forming a citizen's committee to research the issue. Ch. Hart and Comm. Cain both agreed the research could be done by the county instead since a resolution would need to be prepared in order to begin the program. Comm. Cain stated he would like to consider the possibility of a co-op with other counties in this endeavor.

12. Executive Session: Land Acquisition

Comm. Barefoot made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Land Acquisition at 4:20 p.m. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. Comm. Barefoot made a motion to come out of executive session and to reconvene the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. **(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #8-2)**

13. Adjournment

With no further business, Comm. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. Two aye votes and meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk
