

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on February 25, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Wilson Shoals training room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Chairman Milton Dalton was absent due to out of town business travel. Also present were E911/EMA Director Deidra Moore, Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard and Finance Officer Randy Failyer.

### **1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Comm. Cain made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item #3 "E911 CAD Hardware Buyout- Deidra Moore" and by adding "Personnel" to the Executive Session. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

### **3. E911 CAD Hardware Buyout**

*Deidra Moore*

Ms. Moore stated they were at the end of the five year lease purchase and needed to consider the buyout option. She stated the buyout would be in the amount of \$9,280 which would be paid from the Emergency Telephone Fund to AT&T. The maintenance on the system would have to be continued with AT&T and would drop from \$3,531 per month, which includes lease and maintenance, to \$1,585 per month for maintenance only. The buyout is outlined in the agreement that would need to be approved. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the Finance Officer to sign the agreement. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. Ms. Moore stated one CAD station is currently dead and that she will be presenting upgrade options to also be paid from the Emergency Telephone Fund at a future meeting.

### **4. BJC Hospital Authority Recommendations**

Vice Chairman Barefoot stated the following three names had been recommended by each Commissioner – Clyde McArthur, Bo Garrison and Don Shubert. He further stated this was the second list of names submitted. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the recommendations. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

### **5. Mudbog Operation Change**

Comm. Cain and Vice Chairman Barefoot both stated they had received numerous calls concerning the operation. Comm. Cain stated a conditional use for a mud bog had been approved but the property had been sold since. He stated concerns that the conditional use was no longer valid due to owner change. He stated the new owner would have to reapply and recommended that Code Enforcement Officer Keith Covington stop activity until the business is brought into compliance with county code. Vice Chairman Barefoot also stated he had received calls that the use had changed as well and stated concerns with compliance and agreed that Officer Covington should order a cease activity on the operation.

### **6. Georgia Job Tax Credit Law Amendment Support Proclamation**

Ms. Sheppard stated this would proclaim support of an amendment to the Georgia Job Tax Credit Law to improve the criteria for determining economic opportunity within an area and to reclassify counties into the appropriate Tier based on the revised ranking criteria. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the proclamation. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

*(Copy of proclamation filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)*

### **7. Energy Tax Credit – Pieper, O'Brien & Herr Architects (POH)**

Ms. Sheppard stated since the county does not pay taxes the government may transfer the credit to the design architectural firm for the new courthouse annex. Anthony Turpin of Pieper, O'Brien & Herr Architects stated it would require an efficiency study which would be paid for by POH. Comm. Cain stated he felt the county attorney should review the information before a decision is made. Vice Chairman Barefoot agreed. The request will be considered at a future meeting.

### **8. Engineering Proposal for Water – Rindt McDuff & Associates**

Ms. Sheppard presented two proposals to be paid for by the remaining GEFA loan funds as follows:



She said it was still not clear if Turner Construction or the county was responsible for the repair or replacement. The contract is currently being reviewed. Maintenance Supervisor Kenny Crumley stated it was his understanding that the contractor would be working with the tower during construction and that he did not feel it was the county's fault that the tower was damaged. He stated he thought they at least had to get the tower in the working order it was in when the building was abandoned for renovation. Comm. Cain agreed. Ms. Sheppard stated time was running out and something needed to be done immediately in order for the system to be working when the courts move back into the building at the end of construction. Vice Chairman Barefoot stated delaying the move-in would probably be a good idea. Comm. Cain made a motion to proceed with ordering the parts for repair of the tower. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

**Courthouse Furnishings**

Ms. Sheppard stated she was \$15,000 over budget and asked if the money could be spent from the contingency. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the expenditure from the contingency. Vice Chairman seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

**10. Executive Session: Land Acquisition & Personnel**

Comm. Cain made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel at 4:29 p.m. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. Comm. Cain made a motion come out of executive session at 5:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried. *(Copy of affidavit filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9)*

**11. Adjournment**

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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