

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 28, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Vice-Chairman Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Barefoot called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. TBS Personal Property Account Audits Contract

Chief Tax Assessor Kevin Whitman presented the commissioners with a renewal contract for business personal property audits from Traylor Business System. He stated there is no charge unless they review a business. The fees have not changed and the contract is retroactive from November 2008 to November 2009. Comm. Cain made a motion to accept the contract from Traylor Business Systems. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion carried.

4. Courthouse Construction Change Orders:

COR #104 - Fire Marshal comments stairwell changes back of Sallyport - \$3,272

Ms. Gailey stated the fire marshal did the inspection and the staircase outside behind the sally port needed to be solid metal instead of a metal grate and the security desk at the front required a railing. Comm. Cain made a motion to accept change order #104 for \$3,272. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion carried.

COR #105 - Signage – Henry Graphics - \$8,770

Ms. Gailey stated the signage was budgeted but running through the Turner Construction Contract. Comm. Cain made a motion to accept change order #105 in the amount of \$8,770. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion carried.

COR #106 – Reimbursement for damaged coil on cooling tower – (\$13,242)

Ms. Gailey stated that Turner Construction was issuing a credit for the coil for the cooling tower because of the damage that occurred during construction. Comm. Cain made a motion to accept change order #106 in the amount of a credit for \$13,200. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion carried.

5. Courthouse Construction Change Recommendation

Ms. Gailey stated that Sheriff Charles Chapman has requested the security officer be able to open the vehicle sally port doors remotely. Convirgent Technologies has given a quote of \$5,238. Comm. Cain made a motion to accept the change request for Convirgent Technologies for \$5,238. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. Two aye votes and motion carried.

6. Unified Development Code

Bill Ross with Ross & Associates presented the changes of the Unified Development Code. The following was discussed:

Article 7 Section 709.05(b) (5) Prohibited billboards

Added – GA 51 east of Homer, GA 59 or GA 63 south of GA 51 except as follows. A billboard proposed to be located within 660 feet of the right-of-way of any other State or US-number highway must be located within a C-1, C-2 or M-1 zoning district and may be approved only by the Board of Commissioners as a Special Use in accordance with the procedures for zoning changes under article 12 of this Development Code.

Article 7 Section 709.05 (e) Highway billboards

Deleted – or State numbered highway

Added – GA 51 east of Homer, GA 59, of GA 63 south of GA51 or as otherwise approved as a Special Use under section 709.05(b)(5), above.

Article 11 Section 1110.04 (1)

Added – The sides surrounding the pond within 10 feet of the maximum pool elevation

Article 13 Section 1303.02 (f)

Added – but not to exceed 75 feet with the concurrence of the Fire Marshall

Article 15

Added the following definition –

Agricultural Building: A structure on agricultural land designed, constructed and used to house farm implements, livestock, agricultural produce or products grown or raised on the premises, or another use accessory to the agricultural operation.

Mr. Ross stated that he would incorporate the changes in the UDC and once the Commissioners and the Planning Commission were comfortable with the changes it needs to be published as a public hearing draft. This needs to be reviewed for several weeks. The next step would be the Planning Commission hold a public hearing on the UDC and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. At this point changes can still be made and the Commissioners will have to hold another public hearing. When the UDC is adopted it can be made effective at a certain date. Vice Chairman Barefoot asked Mr. Ross to go ahead and make the changes and have another public hearing with the new changes before the planning commission has a public hearing.

Adjournment

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Barefoot seconded the motion. All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
