

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on February 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the FY2010 budget and the 2009 millage rate. Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot, Commissioners Rickey Cain, Ernest Rogers and Charles Turk.

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

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

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

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to approve the agenda as furnished. Comm. Cain seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye  
Dalton: Aye  
Rogers: Aye  
Turk: Aye

Five aye votes and the agenda was approved as furnished.

### **3. Tax Anticipation Line of Credit**

Randy Failyer, Finance Officer stated he sent notices to local banks to get a rate on a Tax Anticipation Line of Credit. This will be a bridge until taxes come in. Regions Bank has the lowest rate of 2.45% which is a variable rate. Mr. Failyer stated the variable rate has not risen over 2.5% in the last twelve months. Comm. Barefoot stated this was a typical operating procedure until taxes start coming in. Regina Gailey, County Clerk stated the loan has to be paid off by December 31, 2010. Comm. Cain made a motion to continue with the Tax Anticipation Line of Credit. Comm. Turk seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye  
Dalton: Aye  
Rogers: Aye  
Turk: Aye

Five aye votes and motion passed.

### **4. FY2010 Budget Review**

Mr. Failyer stated the budget had already been decreased by \$1.62 million but would involve a proposed tax increase of 1.75 mills. The commissioners reviewed the budget and reduced the budget again by \$857,000 which is a total decrease of the original budget by over \$2,000,000. The department heads have been notified concerning the additional cuts. Mr. Failyer went over the additional cuts that totaled \$857,000 which would lower the proposed millage rate increase to .75 mills. Mr. Failyer stated on a \$100,000 home this would be an approximate increase of \$30.73. Ch. Dalton stated that this budget leaves only the bare necessities in the operating budget. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated that this budget is less than the FY2007 budget and there is nothing in the budget that doesn't have to be there.

### **5. Public Comment**

Sam Moon of Hwy 51 Homer stated he respected the cutting process but he personally felt that we are not watching what we spend. Over the past year, I have watched employees of this County abuse their jobs, which is my tax dollars. Mr. Moon said he had witnessed employees check in for work and then go to a fast food restaurant to get breakfast and others spend hours at Wal-Mart. When a dime comes in, I want 10 cents of my dime to go toward county business and not personal, Mr. Moon stated. We have to take care of what we have and not let it get dilapidated so that we have to buy new. He stated he expected everyone to be looking out for his money as hard as they can.

### **6. 2009 Millage Rate Discussion**

Ch. Dalton made a motion to accept the FY2010 budget and increase the millage by .75 mills. Comm. Cain seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye

Dalton: Aye  
Rogers: Nay  
Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and one nay vote and the motion passed. Comm. Rogers stated the reason he voted nay was because of the down economy and that we should work on what we have. Vice Ch. Barefoot said he respected Comm. Rogers vote and no one wants to see a tax increase but services have to be provided.

Comm. Cain made a motion to put a spending freeze on anything not necessary. Comm. Turk seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye  
Dalton: Aye  
Rogers: Aye  
Turk: Aye

Five aye votes and the motion passed.

Comm. Turk stated he believed FY2010 budget was where we needed to start during budget hearings.

Comm. Rogers stated we needed to look at current jobs and see if some of the jobs were needed. Comm. Turk stated we may have to cut jobs.

**7. Adjournment**

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Turk seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye  
Cain: Aye  
Dalton: Aye  
Rogers: Aye  
Turk: Aye

Five aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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