

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on January 20, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot, Commissioner Ernest Rogers and Commissioner Charles Turk. Commissioner Rickey Cain was absent.

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

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

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

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to amend the agenda to include executive session as item three. Comm. Rogers seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Dalton: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the agenda was approved as amended.

### **3. Executive Session: Personnel**

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Rogers seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Dalton: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the executive session started at 3:36 p.m.

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to close the executive session. Comm. Rogers seconded.

Four aye votes and the executive session ended at 4:59 p.m.

### **4. FY2010 Budget**

Randy Failyer, Finance Officer stated revenues were down and budget expenditures would have to come down. The commissioners discussed different departments and ways to cut the budget. Comm. Rogers stated he wanted to look at furlough days and maybe for the rest of the year freeze the Pepsco Match. Judy Greer, Personnel Officer stated there was also a retirement plan for 11 employees that had been overlooked and this was a savings of almost \$18,000 a year. She said the savings is greater freezing the County match than it is for the furlough days. Comm. Turk stated furlough days and freezing retirement is a savings of \$217,000. Ms. Greer stated furlough days would hurt the employees more than freezing retirement. Commissioners stated they know it is hard for everyone. Comm. Rogers stated he would vote for the cuts and as a commission board they should cut their pay. He said he understood that they couldn't cut their pay but could donate it back to the County. He pledged to donate 25% of his earnings back to the County. The commissioners stated if they furlough the employees then they needed to be furloughed also. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated part of the proposal was to make this across the board and require elected and appointed officials to the same amount of reduced pay. Comm. Rogers stated he wanted to schedule a work session where they could sit down and talk about the budget line item by line item. Vice Ch. Barefoot stated he would like to have some more time to look at the budget. Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting and schedule an additional meeting next week as a work session to continue these discussions and then be prepared to establish a millage rate at the regular meeting. Comm. Rogers seconded. The vote was as follows:

Barefoot: Aye

Dalton: Aye

Rogers: Aye

Turk: Aye

Four aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman

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Assistant County Clerk

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