

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on February 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex with Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot and Commissioners Rickey Cain, Ernest Rogers and Charles Turk present. County Attorney Randall Frost and Finance Officer Randy Failyer were also present.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Milton Dalton called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairman Joe Barefoot made a motion to amend the agenda to add “7. National County Government Month Proclamation”. Comm. Rogers seconded. All aye votes and motion carried. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice. Ch. Barefoot seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

3. Prayer

Ch. Dalton asked Reverend Bailey to lead in prayer.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Invoices

Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the invoices for the month. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 1/12, 1/20, 1/26

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to approve the minutes as previously furnished to members. Comm. Cain seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

7. National County Government Month Proclamation – April 2010

County Clerk Jenni Gailey read the proclamation that marked April 2010 as County Government Awareness month and stated a countywide Health Fair and celebration would be held on April 17th at the recreation center. She stated all county agencies as well as other government agencies will participate and follow the theme of “Healthy Counties”. She also stated the slogan that the committee will use is “Striding for a Better Banks” with emphasis on walking for better health. She stated she is chairing the planning committee and encouraged all attending the meeting to participate and to bring their families. (*Copy of proclamation filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-2*)

8. Public Comment:

a. Go-Cart Track Conditional-Use Application

Audrey Strickland

Ms. Strickland stated concerns with the location of the proposed track being very close to Flat Creek Baptist Church on Grove Level Rd and stated the noise from the drag strip is currently a problem only partially through the year and this would increase the noise to year round. She said additional traffic, litter and drunken patrons of the races would also be a problem. She also stated concerns with vandalism in the cemetery on race weekends. She said long time residents surrounding the location were also concerned.

9. Public Hearings to Consider Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

10. Collection Services of Athens, Inc. – Clerk of Superior Ct Collections *Jay Underwood*

Mr. Underwood gave a brief overview of the company and presented packets to each commissioner explaining that they do collections for fines that have been ordered by the court. He stated the collection fee would be 40% which would be taken from the fines that would be collected. He stated they work completely on commission - if they do not collect – they do not get paid. Ch. Dalton stated the board would review the agreement.

11. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

John Becker

Mr. Becker gave statistics of the number of citizens served within the 14 county region covered by the food

bank. He stated all distributions are done locally. He stated some of the distribution sources are food pantries, local agency distribution and the future target programs for school children in need. He stated the food bank distributed 7.5 million pounds to the 14 county region in 2009. He further stated in 2009 256,000 pounds were distributed in Banks County.

12. Resolutions:

a. FY2010 Operating Budget Amendment

Finance Officer Randy Failyer stated this would amend the FY2010 budget from a total of \$13,405,410 to \$12, 548,186. He stated it would be a reduction from the FY2009 budget of \$2,019,548. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. All aye votes and motion approved. *(Copy of resolution filed in Attachment to Minutes Book #9-2) 2010-03*

13. County Vehicle Usage

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to authorize the Personnel Officer Judy Greer to send a memo requesting all employees currently driving a vehicle home to appear at the February 23, 2010 commission meeting to justify the need to drive the vehicle home. Comm. Turk seconded and stated he would like to receive a complete list of all vehicles being driven home prior to the 23rd meeting. All aye votes and motion carried.

14. Executive Session: Litigation

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation at 7:09 p.m. Comm. Cain seconded. All aye votes and motion carried. The county attorney was present for the executive session. Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:31 p.m. Comm. Turk seconded. All aye votes and motion carried.

15. Adjournment

With no further business, Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Turk seconded. All aye votes and meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
