

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on August 31, 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 Rickey Cain, Commissioner Ernest Rogers and Commissioner Charles Turk.

1. Call to Order

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Rogers made a motion to amend the agenda to add Volunteer Firefighters as Item 6 of the agenda. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the agenda was approved as amended.

3. Fuego's Enterprises, LLC – Beer Consumption License Application

Attorney Frost opened the hearing for the beer consumption license for Fuego's Enterprises, LLC. The owner Mohamad Moussa Jammoul stated when he first opened the restaurant he didn't apply for a license because he didn't think not selling beer would hurt his business. He now has people coming in and asking if he serves beer and when he says no they leave and this is hurting his business. He stated that he has had a DUI in the past but, he has a family and is different now.

Comm. Rogers asked how many square feet did his restaurant have. Mr. Jammoul stated the square footage was 1200 sq. ft. Ch. Dalton stated this didn't meet the 2,000 sq. ft. requirement for a beer license. Ch. Dalton made a motion to deny the beer consumption license. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the license was denied.

4. Engineer's Report – Water Stimulus and SPLOST Funds

Fred Hawkins with Rindt-McDuff Associates brought the commissioners up to date on the current projects and an idea how to deal with the extra stimulus funds that would be left from the Clearwell Project at Mountain Creek. This also included the 2001 SPLOST Funds that has to be spent by September 2011. Mr. Hawkins stated he would like to see the County spend this money in the best possible way to benefit the County. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the Alto connection. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve \$7,500 in engineering fees to increase the water withdrawal permit at Mountain Creek Treatment Plant. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

5. County Fees

Building Official Stoney Harness stated that the county zoning fees have not been increased since 1991 even though the cost for the service has. He presented the commissioner with a list of proposed new fees. He said the new fee list is based on surrounding counties.

Comm. Rogers also presented new fees for alcohol license. He stated these were also comparable to other counties.

The commissioners decided to do more research with surrounding counties before making a decision.

6. Candler Street Jail

Ch. Dalton stated the Candler Street Jail needed to be tested for asbestos before they did any work or spent any additional funds on renovations. Fred Hawkins stated Rindt McDuff would perform the testing for a cost not to exceed \$750. Comm. Cain made a motion to contract with Rindt-McDuff Associates to perform the asbestos testing. Comm. Turk seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Volunteer Firefighters

Comm. Rogers stated the eight candidates they interviewed for fire chief stated that they needed more volunteers. Comm. Rogers made a motion to lift the hiring freeze for volunteer firefighters. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. No abstentions or nay votes were heard. The motion passed by a majority aye votes.

8. Executive Session – Personnel & Land Acquisition

Comm. Turk made a motion to enter into executive session concerning land acquisition and personnel. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the executive session began at 4:25 p.m.

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:40 p.n. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

Comm. Cain made a motion to accept Watershed Lake Structure #30 from the Broad River Soil and Water Conservation District. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Adjournment

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
