

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Milton Dalton, Vice Chairman Charles Turk and Commissioners Danny Maxwell, Sammy Reece and Ernest Rogers.

1. Call to Order

Ch. Dalton called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Reece made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

3. Prayer

Ch. Dalton led a moment of silent prayer.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Dalton led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to approve the invoices. Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 3/4, 3/8, 3/22

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to approve the previous months minutes. Comm. Rogers seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

7. Planning Commission Recommendations: NONE

8. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation – April 10-16

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to approve the proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.
(Copy of Proclamation filed in Attachment to Minute Book #9-2)

9. Grants:

a. Weather Siren Grant

911/EMS Director Deidra Moore stated the bids had come in for the weather siren at the 911 center. Gunby Communication for a Federal Siren is \$22,583.32 and McCord Communications for Wheelen Siren is \$25,580.00. Ms. Moore recommended accepting the Gunby Communication's bid and the match would be \$6,395.00 and Finance Officer Randy Failyer told Ms. Moore the funds could come from the Capital Fund. Ch. Dalton made a motion to accept the low bid of \$22,583.32 from Gunby Communications. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

b. Tree Planting Grant

County Clerk Regina Gailey stated the County received a grant from the Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D from ARRA funds to plant twenty trees around the jail and recreation complex.

10. Economic Development: Regional Broadband Study

Community Developer Brad Day stated broadband was a basic infrastructure for communities today. Franklin, Hart and Stephens County Joint Development Authority has invited the Banks, Habersham and Rabun Joint Development Authority to join in a study for broadband. One Georgia has \$160,000 they can put toward the grant and the \$40,000 match would be paid by the counties. Mr. Day is recommending the County join this study with a cap of \$10,000. Comm. Rogers made a motion to give the Chairman permission to sign the contract with a cap of \$10,000 that would be paid from the Capital Fund and possible discussion of a different fund. Vice Ch. Turk seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Fire/EMS

a. Fire Chief Resignation: Jim Fuller

Ch. Dalton stated Fire Chief Jim Fuller submitted his resignation on April 1, 2011 and it stated it would be effective when a replacement was found. Comm. Reece made a motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Jim Fuller. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Contracts & Agreements:

a. Annual Propane Gas Bid: April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

Ch. Dalton stated Amerigas submitted a bid of \$1.819/gallon and A Better Gas submitted at bid of \$1.871/gallon. Ch. Dalton stated because of the local vendor bid resolution which gives A Better Gas a 3% advantage, the bid could be awarded to A Better Gas. Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to award the bid to A Better Gas. Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and motion passed.

13. Executive Session: Land Acquisition

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:53 p.m. concerning land acquisition. Comm. Rogers seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

Comm. Maxwell made a motion to close the executive session. Vice Ch. Turk seconded. All aye votes and the executive session ended at 7:06 p.m.

Ch. Dalton recommended purchasing the property on Candler Street in front of the old jail from Mary Jane Moss Sudderth. Comm. Rogers made a motion to purchase the property. Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed. The property is .278 acres and the purchase price is \$10,500. *(Copy of executive session affidavit filed in Attachment to Minute Book #9-2)*

14. Adjournment

Comm. Reece made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
