

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on May 16, 2012 at 5:30 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

Vice Ch. Turk made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Maxwell seconded. All aye votes and the agenda was approved.

3. Recreation Part-time Employee

Joe Gailey Recreation Director asked for a two week extension for a temporary part-time employee. He stated the funds were available in his budget per Randy Failyer Finance Officer. Comm. Reece made a motion to extend the part-time worker from June 16, 2012 until June 30, 2012. Comm. Rogers seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

4. Baldwin Communication Tower – Gunby Communications

Comm. Rogers stated there must be an agreement obtained during construction for bonding purposes. Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the contract with Gunby Communications in the amount of \$135,019.00 pending county attorney approval. Vice Ch. Turk seconded. All aye votes and the motion passed.

5. FY2013 Budget

The budgets discussed were as follows:

Jail	Sheriff
Human Resources	Tax Assessors
Mapping	Economic Development
Maintenance	Technology

The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

6. 2012 Local Option Sales Tax

Present from the cities were Maysville Mayor Richard Presley, Lula Mayor Milton Turner, Alto Mayor Audrey Turner, Gillsville Mayor Larry Poole and Baldwin Mayor Jerry Neace. Also representing the cities was City Attorney David Syfan.

Mayor Richard Presley stated that the cities have collectively agreed for Attorney David Syfan to represent the cities. Attorney Syfan stated negotiations should be a win-win situation for the cities and the county. He stated if we can't come to a mediation agreement, we would have to go into baseball arbitration. Mr. Syfan stated on behalf of the cities they reject the Modified Population plus 35% offer. The cities would like the board to vote on a mediator agreement. The cost of the mediator would be paid based on the population percentage. Comm. Rogers stated he would like to have time to consider the agreement before it is voted on.

Dennis Bergen, City Manager of Lula stated he was asked to look at other criteria for local option sales tax distribution. The law limits the criteria that can be used. There are eight criteria that can be used and the five considered are as follows: Employment, Adjusted Daytime Population, General Fund Expenses, Tax Digest and Residential Population.

Mr. Bergen presented the following percentages for each criteria:

Employment

Banks County	62.93%	Alto	.09%
Baldwin	11.42%	Maysville	2.62%
Gillsville	.06%	Lula	.32%
Homer	22.56%		

Adjusted Daytime Population

Banks County	76.6%	Gillsville	.12%
Alto	2.05%	Homer	9.48%
Baldwin	5.83%	Lula	.85%
Maysville	5.07%		

General Fund Expenses

Banks County 83.5%

Mr. Bergen stated until there was a tax equity study completed, this would not be an accurate means of calculation.

Tax Digest

Banks County	91.53%	Homer	5.24%
Alto	.45%	Lula	.47%
Baldwin	1.68%	Maysville	.49%
Gillsville	.13%		

Residential Population

Banks County	80.9%	Homer	6.2%
Alto	2.8%	Lula	.9%
Baldwin	4.0%	Maysville	5. %
Gillsville	.2%		

Mr. Bergen stated this was the figures for Residential Population not Modified Population that the county presented.

Mr. Bergen stated that for 3 of the criteria that there is not sufficient data to back up the calculations.

Mr. Bergen stated he calculated his figures based on the 2010 Census information.

Mr. Bergen stated their offer included the five criteria and divided them by 5. The following percentages are:

Banks County	79.09%	Alto	1.94%
Baldwin	5.09%	Lula	.59%
Maysville	3.74%	Homer	8.71%
Gillsville	.89%		

Mr. Bergen stated they used a 3.5% increase over the next ten years.

7. Adjournment

Comm. Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting for later consideration of the proposal.
Comm. Reece seconded. All aye votes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
