

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on May 11, 2010 at 6:30 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 Charles Turk and Commissioner Ernest Rogers.

1. Call to Order

Ch. Dalton called the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Cain made a motion to delete Item 16 – FY2011 Budget. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the agenda was approved as amended.

3. Prayer

Ch. Dalton led a silent moment of prayer.

4. Pledge to the American Flag

Ch. Dalton led the Pledge to the American Flag.

5. Approval of Invoices

Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the invoices. Comm. Turk seconded. Five aye votes and motion passed.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – 4/13, 4/21, 4/27

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and motion passed.

7. Dispatcher of the Year Recognition – Sonny Bellinger

911/EMA Director Deidra Moore presented Sonny Bellinger with the Dispatcher of the Year award. She stated he was nominated by his fellow dispatchers for his overall performance. He had been employed with Banks County for eight years.

8. Eagle Scout Project – Casey Lewis

Ch. Milton Dalton presented Casey Lewis with a certificate for completing his Eagle Scout project to improve the curve on Grove Level Road.

9. Recreation Facility Usage Request-Teresa McKenzie

Ms. McKenzie asked for permission to hold a softball tournament for a nine month old child that needs a liver transplant. She stated all the proceeds would go to the family. Comm. Rogers stated that no alcohol would be allowed. County Clerk Regina Gailey stated Ms. McKenzie should get check with the recreation department on dates. Comm. Cain made a motion to give Ms. McKenzie permission to use the recreation department. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

10. Public Hearing to Consider Planning Commission Recommendations:

a. CU-10-04 – TSI Tower Holdings, Inc. - *Conditional use application for a cell tower at 691 Grant Mill Road.*

Ch. Dalton closed the commissioners meeting. Attorney Randall Frost opened the public hearing. Zoning Officer Keith Covington stated the property owners were Jerry and Marie Witlow and the existing zoning is ARR and the existing use is a home/pasture. The proposed use is a tower. The property is located at 691 Grant Mill Road on tax map and parcel B13-013 which consists of 30.9 acres. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Neil Allen of TSI Tower Holdings, Inc. represented the application. He stated the tower would be located in a 100x100 leased area and will be set back according to the guidelines. He stated this tower will greatly improve the coverage service area. Attorney Frost closed the public hearing. Ch. Dalton opened the commissioners meeting. Comm. Rogers made a motion to approve the application. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

11. Personnel

a. Hiring Freeze

Ch. Dalton stated the county needed to lift the hiring freeze for the following positions: Senior Center Director, Recreation Director, Motor grader Operator and Two Tax Clerks. Comm. Cain made a motion to lift the hiring freeze for the Senior Center Director, Recreation Director, Motor grader Operator and Two Tax Clerks. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

County Clerk Regina Gailey stated the County could apply for a grant from ACCG for a summer internship. The intern would be a college level student that would work on the County website. ACCG would advertise and would pay the County up to \$7.25 /hr for 20 hours per week. Ms. Gailey asked the commissioners if they would consider adding \$.75 per hour which would be a total cost of \$760 at the end of the internship. Comm. Cain made a motion to apply for the summer internship grant. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and motion passed.

b. Planning Commission Member Replacement – Sammy Reece

Term: 4 Years – to replace Sammy Reece expires 10/31/2012

Ch. Dalton made a motion to accept Buster Cleveland to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term that ends on 10/31/2012. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

12. Public Utilities

a. Water Leak: 434 Bellamy Road

Comm. Turk stated the meters came back accurate and made a motion to deny granting the request to lower the water bill. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and motion passed.

b. Water Leak: 438 Bellamy Road

Comm. Turk stated that the meters came back accurate and made a motion to deny granting the request to lower the water bill. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and motion passed.

c. Apple Pie Ridge Water Tank Maintenance Contract – Utilities Services Co., Inc. – Tabled 3/23/2010

Comm. Turk made a motion to bring the item off the table. Vice Ch. Barefoot seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

Ch. Dalton stated that the contract was to maintain the Apple Pie Ridge 200,000 gallon tank. Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to accept the contract. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed. *(Copy of contract filed in Attachment Book #9-2)*

13. Fire Station #210 Parking Lot Repair

Ch. Dalton stated a portion of the parking lot was caving in at station 210 and needed to be repaired. Ch. Dalton stated the quote was for a 14 x 25 area in front of the building, and replacement of the asphalt with 5000 PSI concrete with wire for \$1,450. Comm. Turk wanted to get a quote for 6” concrete because the 4” was not thick enough. Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to table the item until the May 25, 2010 meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. Five aye votes and the motion was passed.

14. Jail Embankment Removal

Ch. Dalton stated the new credit union site in Homer needed some dirt and there was an embankment at the jail that needed to be removed. The contractor would re-grass the bank at their cost. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the embankment removal. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

15. RFP 12 Infrastructure/Radio Maintenance Bid Recommendation

Mrs. Deidra Moore made a recommendation the commissioners accept Gunby Communications bid for \$58,456. This RFP was for 911 communication maintenance and a link from Annex to Courthouse.

Comm. Rogers stated that it was put out to bid and Motorola did not bid. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the bid. Comm. Rogers seconded. Five aye votes and the motion passed.

16. Adjournment

Vice Ch. Barefoot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cain seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman

Assistant County Clerk
