

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2010 AT 6:30 PM
IN THE BEN HILL COUNTY COUTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip C. Jay, III	Chairman
O. D. Netter	Vice Chairman
Richard Goodman	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
John Croley	Attorney
Paula J. Jones	County Manager
Trish Beard	Deputy County Clerk

Chairman Philip C. Jay, III called the meeting to order.

Annette Brooks gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance.

Dawn Clements, teacher of the year was presented a resolution by Chairman Philip C. Jay, III on behalf of the board of Ben Hill County Commissioners.

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to post all citizens resolutions on the East wall of the meeting room and the West wall will be used for Government. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to suspend the portion of the County meetings Ordinance 2-192, that states that every Commissioner must address the chair and not each other also to suspend 2-195 which will allow the Commissioner's to address public speakers. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Constitutional Officers/Department Heads reports: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Recreation Director Joe Parrish reported that the recreation department has a facility available for anyone who needs assistance. If they have no shelter or heat and need assistance they should contact the Police department or Sheriff's department.

County Manager Paula Jones reported that we have a budget in place for 2010. We are able to pay our TAN note at the bank; the County has had a good year.

Rezoning Request

A rezoning request for Herman Simpson 149 Paulk Road from W-L-I to G-B has passed the planning and zoning committee. The request is for the old Moose Lodge. It is going to be a day care facility, a fence will be put up and the day care will have to be certified by the State to operate.

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the rezoning request. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public comments were heard as follows: NONE

Acceptance of prior month's minutes:

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept prior workshop meeting minutes for December 2, 2009 at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept prior workshop meeting minutes for December 2, 2009 at 3:00 PM. With changes, to reflect a change of the time for the second workshop meeting from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 8, 2009 Commission meeting. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept meeting minutes from December 15, 2009. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept meeting minutes from December 29, 2009. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner O.D. Netter abstained.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept meeting minutes from December 30, 2009. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner O.D. Netter abstained.

Required Annual Actions

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to add Wanda Ussery as an internal auditor to #3 of the required annual actions. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept Dr. Charles Durden as the County's physician. Commissioner O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept Attorney Toni Sawyer as County Attorney. Commissioner O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept Meeks, Roberts, Ashley, Sumner & Sirmans and Wanda Ussery as County Auditors. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept Paula Jones as acting County Manager/Clerk. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept Trish Beard as Deputy County Clerk. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept Wachovia, Planters First, Colony Bank, Community Bank, Bank of America and Local Government Investment Pool as County Financial Institutions. Commissioner O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept The Herald Leader as the County's Legal Organ. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to rehire all County employees. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to re-appoint Vice Chairman, O.D. Netter. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Payroll Audit Procedure

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the payroll audit procedure with changes reflecting that whoever hires the employees should be the one who prepares the list for the audit. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Renewal of Volunteer Fire Truck Loan

Commissioner O.D. Netter made a motion to renew the loan on the Volunteer Fire Department trucks. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Scott Downing abstained.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to amend the previous motion to allow the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Volunteer Fire Truck documents. Commissioner O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Scott Downing abstained.

New Business

Speed Zone Ordinance

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the speed zone ordinance for Ben Hill County. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Philip C. Jay, III read his State of the County address

Commissioner's Remarks:

All Commissioners' thanked employees, boards and each other for a job well done in 2009.

Commissioner O.D. Netter request to add to next month's agenda the approval to do a Resolution for Mr. Bill Pelham.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

_____ Philip C. Jay, III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Clerk