

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 6, 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
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Richard Goodman	Commissioner
Toni Sawyer	Attorney
Paula J. Jones	County Manager
Trish Beard	Deputy Clerk

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

Godfrey O'Rear gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance, which was lead by Scout Troop 875.

List of Troop 875 Scout members: Ben Allen Dunn, Dylan Mason, John Foster, Parker Wiley, Matthew Williams, Tillman Griner, Jarratt Thompson, Zachary Wilson, Andrew Goodlett, Colby Ryals, Cody McDonald, and Conner Saxon. David Hobby and Dale Wilson accompanied the Scout's to the Commission meeting.

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 Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to get a list of all the troops' names, to add to the minutes. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public comments were heard as follows:

Joann Lafavor – Wanted to voice her opinion regarding the SPLOST on how its used and Astro Turf, she stated that she is not in favor of the Astro Turf being in the SPLOST. It causes more injuries to the athletes and they will need special cleats to play on the field. Mrs. Lafavor stated that she did not know where the County Commission stood on this issue in the SPLOST. Chairman Philip Jay told Mrs. Lafavor to stay tuned to the rest of the meeting and she would find out.

Constitutional Officers: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Recreation Director Joe Parrish reported that they have finished their winter program with basketball and wrestling. Three teams won district and all three went to State. 9 – 10 boys won State, we had two second place runner ups which were the 9 -10 and 11 -12 girls. Baseball and softball will start on Monday 4/12/10.

County Board Reports:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter reported that members of the Ben Hill County Development Authority have gone through Development Authority Training that is required by all members, the deadline for the training is December 31st. Those members that attended the training are: from the Ben Hill County Development Authority, O.D. Netter, Trish Beard, Charles Graham and Toni Sawyer. Ron Paulk from the Joint Development Authority, Roffie Sheppard from the Revolving Loan Fund Board. Rick Jones and Charles Coney from the Fitzgerald Development Authority were also at the training. The training was held in Americus, Ga on March 10th and 11th, which was the basic and advanced class. The remaining Ben Hill County Development Authority members will need to attend the next scheduled training, which is May 19th for the basic and 20th for the advanced. If all Development Authority members do not attend the training, they will have to be removed from the board. All members were sent a letter regarding the mandatory training and the time frame in which to receive the training, as well as the consequences should they not receive the training. If any of the Commissioners would like to attend the training, please let Trish know, so that she can get you scheduled.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Paula Jones reported that we have met on "SPLOST". She also wanted to take the time to compliment Judge Hobby for taking the initiative to send out letters to individuals who had not paid their fines. They have collected \$11,000.00 in additional revenue from old warrants. She stated that this is the type of initiative that we need and I want to compliment them for their efforts.

Annexation Request - NONE

Acceptance of prior month's minutes:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 1, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 2, 2010 County Commissioners' meeting which was held at 6:30 PM. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 8, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 17, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 22, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter abstained. The motion passed.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 23, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 3:00 PM. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter abstained. The motion passed.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 26, 2010 special call meeting which was held at 4:00 PM. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 30, 2010 workshop meeting which was held at 9:00 PM. **With corrections to change the time from 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM.** Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Budget Amendments

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the Budget as amended for the first quarter 2010. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business

Intergovernmental Elections Agreement

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Elections Agreement. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Letter to City Council (48-8111 Notice)

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to authorize signing of the letter to the City Council and authorizing the delivery of the letter to the Mayor and the City Council. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Intergovernmental SPLOST meeting will be held at the Grand Conference Center on Monday April 19, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the agenda to discuss responsibility of the Intergovernmental SPLOST meeting. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to allow the County constable to deliver the Intergovernmental SPLOST letters and to allow Attorney, Toni Sawyer to amend the letter to state the purpose of the meeting as well as to indicate that it will include a draft agenda. We will also request a copy of the City's proposed projects in advance, at which time we will present the City with a copy of our projects. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ben Hill County SPLOST and Joint City and County SPLOST

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the 2011 summary of the County SPLOST Projects total amount of \$5,650,000 and the summary of the County joint SPLOST projects in the amount of \$3,750,000. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to require the County Commissioners to vote on the transfer of any SPLOST funds from one project within the SPLOST Referendum to another project and it has to be made by an intergovernmental agreement on the joint projects. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

County Attorney – Draw up SPLOST Referendum

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to allow Attorney, Toni Sawyer to draw up the SPLOST referendum. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Attorney to draw up Intergovernmental SPLOST Agreements

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to allow Attorney, Toni Sawyer to draw up the Intergovernmental SPLOST agreement. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to allow Attorney, Toni Sawyer to discuss the SPLOST time line. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner's made their closing remarks

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

_____ Philip C. Jay, III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Clerk