

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JUNE 8, 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.

Rev. Gene Thomas gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to move number 6 – Coal Plant Discussion, under New Business to number 1 – Jo Ann Jones, Area Specialist with USDA. Commissioner Kathy Davis 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 Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to move number 6 –Coal Plant Discussion, under New Business to number 2 – Beer & Wine Application, moving Jo Ann Jones, Area Specialist with USDA back to number 1. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public comments were heard as follows:

Frank Reider-Beer & Wine application. (To be addressed under New Business)

Herman Graham talked about the Tax Digest and the coal plant. (To be addressed under New Business)

Constitutional Officers: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:

Cathy Bishop, EMS Director reported that we have a surplus older ambulance that we would like to put on GovDeals. (To be addressed under New Business)

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report

County Manager Paula Jones reported that the schools and Commission board will need to set the mill rate next month for tax collections. We received an ACCG Health & Wellness Grant for County employees. We are continuing to work on our Energy Grant for the Public Safety Complex and hope to complete this work by the end of the year.

Annexation Request – NONE

Rezoning Request - NONE

Acceptance of prior month's minutes:

NOTE: Commissioner Richard Goodman did not vote on approval of minutes

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve workshop minutes for May 3, 2010 @ 4:45 PM. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve workshop minutes for May 3, 2010 @ 6:30 PM. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve a public hearing for May 4, 2010. Vice Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve commission minutes for May 4, 2010. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to open the previous item for discussion. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to change the agenda to include discussion of May 4, 2010 meeting minutes in the latter part of the meeting. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve special call minutes for May 12, 2010. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ga. Department of Transportation

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the rescission of order of the Commission for GA DOT. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to allow Commission Chairman the authority to sign the GA DOT documents. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Defenders Budget

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to postpone the Public Defender's Budget. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DMC Board Vacancy's

Expired term of Vanessa Melton and resignation of Bennie Hutto

- Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter nominated **Vanessa Melton** back in her expired term position.
- Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter nominated **Charlene Lankford** for Bennie Hutto's resigned position.
- Commissioner Scott Downing nominated **Jeff Lewis** for Vanessa Melton's expired term.
- Commissioner Richard Goodman nominated **Denise Jordan** for Bennie Hutto's resigned position.
- Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter nominated **Annie Pearl Stepherson** for Vanessa Melton's expired term.

Previous Month's Nominations

- Commissioner Kathy Davis nominated **Dr. Bill Hammond** for Bennie Hutto's resigned position.
- Commissioner Scott Downing nominated **Van Waters** for Bennie Hutto's resigned position.

Expired term of Vanessa Melton

1. Vanessa Melton
2. Jeff Lewis
3. Annie Pearl Stepherson

Resignation of Bennie Hutto

1. Charlene Lankford
2. Denise Jordan
3. Dr. Bill Hammond
4. Van Waters

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to close DMC Board vacancy nominations. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Voting results for the resignation of Bennie Hutto are as follows:

<u>C. Lankford</u>	<u>V. Waters</u>	<u>D. Jordan</u>	<u>B. Hammond</u>
Netter	Downing	Davis	Netter
Downing		Goodman	Downing
Davis		Netter	Davis
Goodman			

Vacancy nomination List to be given to DMC will be:

Expired term of Vanessa Melton

1. Vanessa Melton
2. Jeff Lewis
3. Annie Pearl Stepherson

Resignation of Bennie Hutto

1. Charlene Lankford
2. Denise Jordan
3. Dr. Bill Hammond

New Business

Joann Jones Area Specialist with USDA reported that the Ben Hill County RLF Committee which aids small and emerging business in the Community, had applied for an RBEG Grant through USDA and has been awarded a grant not to exceed \$99,999. A resolution was read by the Chairman, which allows the Commission Chairman to sign the required documentation for the RBEG Grant.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the USDA Resolution for the RLF, RBEG Grant and to allow Chairman Philip Jay the authority to sign the required documents. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Coal Plant Discussion

Chairman Philip Jay and other Commissioner's reported and discussed on the pros and cons of the Possibility of a Coal Plant in Ben Hill County.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to have someone that is affiliated with the coal plant to come visit Ben Hill County and educate citizens regarding the coal plant issue. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Beer and Wine Application

Club 129 – Frank Reider

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the beer license for Club 129. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the agenda to move item number three, under new business to be included in item number eight, under new business. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

EMS – Sale of Surplus

EMS requests the authority to sell an old County ambulance on GovDeals.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the request to sell the ambulance as surplus on GovDeals. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

O.D. Netter – Resolution for accomplishments

Chairman Philip Jay read resolution #10-06 which was regarding the accomplishments of Vice-Chairman, O.D. Netter.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve resolution #10-06. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

July Commission meeting date change due to Holiday

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the July Commission meeting to July 16, 2010. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter withdrew his motion to change the Commission meeting to July 16, 2010. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the July Commission meeting to July 13, 2010. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sale of RLF Barber Equipment

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter reported that the RLF has sold some barber equipment to Joaquin Fuller that had previously been repossessed from a default RLF loan. The equipment included, three barber chairs, one used and two new ones, one towel warmer and three disinfectant jars. The items were sold for \$1,000 with 0% interest for 10 months.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the sale of the barber equipment to Mr. Joaquin Fuller for \$1,000. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter requested authorization for County Attorney Toni Sawyer to take legal action to collect \$19,000 from Trendsetters, who went into default on the barber equipment. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter requested to change the previous motion to reflect that the actual amount for the equipment was \$20,000 and was reduced by \$1,000 due to the sale of the barber equipment, reducing the total to \$19,000. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund Request

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter discussed three RLF Committee recommendations.

1. G & L Grocery for \$20,800(Gussie Scott)

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

2. Tina's Little Tots for \$45,000(Allen & Tina Taylor)

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve this loan. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Safe Kid's Daycare \$15,000(Marcey Larkin)

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

Discussion of May 4, 2010 meeting minutes - 2005 SPLOST

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to amend the May 4, 2010 meeting minutes to reflect that the motion was made that the 2005 SPLOST funds will go towards an amp-theater and the rest of the money is for DLS's use. 2011 SPLOST will include the offices, pool and gymnasium. Vice Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner's closing remarks - NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

_____ Philip C. Jay, III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Clerk