

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 13, 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
Paula J. Jones	Acting County Manager/Clerk
Trish Beard	Deputy Clerk

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

Rev. James Davis of Salem AME Church gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance.

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.

Public comments were heard as follows: NONE

Constitutional Officers: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:

Recreation Director Joe Parrish reported that on August 6, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. the Blue Gray Park will be having a ribbon cutting and has invited the County Commission.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the agenda to add discussion on Protein Plus. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report

County Manager Paula Jones reported that the Ben Hill County Health Board has approved a change to the office hours for the Health Department. The new hours will be Monday through Thursday, 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. closed on Fridays. Also an update on the Energy Grant, we have had some complaints on

the AC at the Senior Citizen Center. The Energy Grant funds are available, but we have to have an energy audit first. Once the audit is complete the bid process will start.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve finalization of the Energy Grant. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

County Manager Paula Jones reported that next Tuesday July 20, 2010 she and Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein will be doing a ride around with Charlene Lankford and Terry Kobs of the Army Corp of Engineer's, they will be looking at some problem area's in the County.

Annexation Request – NONE

Rezoning Request – NONE

Acceptance of prior month's minutes:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve minutes from June 7, 2010 workshop meeting. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve minutes from June 8, 2010 Commission meeting. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve minutes from June 28, 2010 workshop meeting. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve minutes from June 29, 2010 workshop meeting. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve minutes from June 30, 2010 workshop meeting. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Public Defenders Budget

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone the Public Defender's Budget. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business

Forestry Department - Increase in County supplement

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the Forestry Department's increase in County supplement. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board of Assessors – Expired term of Allen Dixon

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to re-appoint Allen Dixon to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Request for road closure – Clover Road by Wayne & Betty Jo Adkinson

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to postpone the road closure for, pending discussion by Commission and County Attorney Toni Sawyer. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2nd Quarter Budget Amendments

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Kathy Davis - Referendum

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to allow County Attorney Toni Sawyer to draw up a Resolution for alcohol sales by the drink to be placed on the November 2010 ballot. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Protein Plus

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to allow Allen Conger to pay only interest for the next six(6) months on his Ben Hill County Development Authority Loan. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to allow the Ben Hill County Development Authority to pay off its current loan at Planter's First Bank. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner's closing remarks - NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

_____ Philip C. Jay, III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Clerk