

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2011 AT 6:30 PM
IN THE BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE 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
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Trish Hardeman	Deputy Clerk

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

Chaplain Bob Tate gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing were sworn in by Judge David Hobby.

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 and each other. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public comments were heard as follows: NONE

Constitutional Officers:

Sheriff Bobby McLemore reported that the Sheriff's Department has had a very good year with grants. He also reported that they have four cars down and are waiting on the new cars. They are negotiating inmate medical fees with Phoebe Putney which will save money. They have put in a new phone system and have phone cards for the inmates to purchase for phone calls.

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Report's: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones reported that W2's are completed. We have adopted the budgets for the New Year and we have been under budget for the past two years.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Request: NONE

Beer and Wine Application: NONE

Acceptance of prior month's minutes:

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept minutes from December 6, 2010 workshop Meeting. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to accept minutes from December 7, 2010 Commission Meeting. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to accept minutes from December 17, 2010 workshop Meeting. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to accept minutes from December 17, 2010 Public Hearing. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to accept minutes from December 17, 2010 Special Call meeting. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Required Annual Actions:

1. County Attorney - currently Toni Sawyer
2. County Auditors – currently Meeks, Roberts, Ashley, Sumner & Sirmans & Wanda Ussery
3. County Manager/Clerk – currently Paula Jones – Acting Manager/Clerk
4. Deputy County Clerk – currently Trish Hardeman – Deputy Clerk
5. County Financial Institutions – currently Wells Fargo, Planters First, Colony Bank, Community Bank, Bank of America and Local Government Investment Pool
6. County Legal Organ – currently The Herald Leader
7. Rehiring of all County employees and transferring one employee

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to approve actions 1-7 rehiring County Attorney, County Auditors, Acting County Manager/Clerk, Deputy County Clerk, County Financial Institutions, County Legal Organ and rehiring of all County employees and transferring of one employee. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to re-appoint Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter as Vice-Chairman for the Ben Hill County Commission. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Sheriff's Department – Vehicle Lease

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the vehicle lease upon review and approval of County Attorney Toni Sawyer. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter amended the motion to allow Chairman Philip Jay to sign the approved Vehicle lease upon completion. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business :

Health Board Appointment – Expiring term of Bernice Streat

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to nominate Thelma Graham. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to nominate Bernice Streat. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated that the nominees must stay on the floor for 30 days, and that someone else could be nominated in the mean time. The nominees will be voted on at the next Commission meeting.

2011 CHIP Grant Application

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to file for another CHIP application. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to nominate Carol's Consulting, Americus Georgia to handle the CHIP Program and that we do not use Varnadoe and Associates in 2011 for the CHIP Program. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter resends his second motion. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the resented motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter request Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones to set up meetings with the Commission and Varnadoe and Associates as well as Carol's Consulting.

Organizational Chart for County Offices

Vice Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to assign Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones to create Organizational Charts for all departments. Which will include positions, salary's, work status, work hours, etc... for all employees which will help with future planning. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4th Quarter Budget Amendments

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the 4th quarter budget amendments to Administration, Solid Waste, Tax Commissioner and Road Department budgets. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Renewal of Volunteer Fire Truck Loan

Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones reported that the renewal of the Volunteer Fire Truck Loan is in the amount of \$132,137.00 dollars.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the renewal of the Volunteer Fire Truck loan in the amount of \$132,137.00 dollars. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to allow Chairman Philip Jay to sign the contract. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to amend the agenda to talk about the Volunteer Fire Department contract. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the current contract with the Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TAN note for 2011

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to allow Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones to send letters requesting bids for the 2011 TAN note in the amount of \$3,000,000 dollars. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Appointment of Legislative Coordinator

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to nominate Commissioner Scott Downing as Legislative Coordinator. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Department – Surplus Items for Sale

Sheriff McLemore stated that he also has an old Crown vic. that has been used for parts that he wants to add to the surplus list. He stated that he will get the VIN number to us for the vehicle.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to amend the surplus list to add the 2000 Crown Vic and for the Sheriff to supply us with the VIN number. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the Sheriff's surplus list declaring it as surplus and allowing Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones to dispose of all items. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter presented an award for the Queensland water grant to the Commission and Acting County Manager/Clerk.

Chairman Philip Jay presented his "State of the County" (Copy included with minutes).

Commissioner's closing remarks

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to include a copy of the Chairman's "State of the County" into the records. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated that the Commission has received 4 reports from Magistrate since the meeting with them. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter noted that Magistrate has done a good job on the report for the month of November. He requested that Acting County Manager/Clerk Paula Jones send them a letter for doing a good job on the reports.

Commissioner Kathy Davis stated that she is proud to work with everyone with the County.

Commissioner Richard Goodman stated that he would like to thank all of the staff, departments and the Commissioners for doing a good job last year.

Commissioner Scott Downing stated that he appreciates the people of Ben Hill County and being able to represent them. He also appreciates the staff of Ben Hill County and thanks them for a good job.

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

_____ Philip C. Jay, III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Clerk