

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MARCH 15, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE BEN HILL COUNRY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Phillip C. Jay, III	Chairman
O.D. Netter	Vice Chairman
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Paula Jones	County Manager/Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Commissioner Richard Goodman was unable to attend due to illness.

Chairman Phillip C. Jay III called the meeting to order.

Rev. Steve Oneal gave the invocation.

Scout Troop #879 introduce themselves as follows:

Alex Frank	Scout
Cain Robinson	Scout
Jeremy Stone	Assistant Scout Master/Eagle Scout
Lamar Stone	Unit Commissioner

Scout Troop#879 lead the Pledge of Allegiance

*Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to relax the rules on addressing the Chair and Commissioners the public. Vice Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; Commissioner Kathy Davis voting yes, which passed with Vice Chairman Netter, Commissioner Downing and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting on the motion.*

**Public Comments:** NONE

**Constitutional Officer:** NONE

## **Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:**

Tim Kegebein, Road Superintendent spoke on several road projects.

*Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to accept Flint Road on the list. Vice Chairman O. D. Netter seconded the motion. Chairman taking motion as it is amended. Motion passes with Commissioner Downing and Vice Chairman O. D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis voting yes.*

## **County Board of Reports**

EMA director Jason Miller stated that the Energy Grant went out for bid last Wednesday, March 9, 2011, for Sheriff's Department and Senior Citizens Center. Notice bidding will open @ 3:00 p.m. on March 16, 2011. Jason also mention about the stipulation for the AC unit has to be destroyed, taking off grid, make them surplus and turn into scrap. Vice Chairman O. D. Netter proposed that the AC units at the Monitor Center be relocated to other departments. Mr., Miller stated under the terms of the Grant that was not possible, that the units would have to be destroyed

## **County Manager Report**

Acting County Manager/Clerk, Paula Jones reported that the County landing will open for Spring. There are some problems with four wheelers riding through the camp grounds. Mrs. Jones spoke about getting a fence with Joe Parrish to make it more secure and stop vehicles from going through the camp ground. DLS Director, who stated that he had grant money available to put up a fence. Commissioner Downing inquired about the proposed Horse Arena that was approved in the last SPLOST. Mrs. Jones replied that the County is working with DLS Director Joe Parrish who is actively seeking quotes for an Arena similar in size to Facility in Hawkinsville Georgia.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Vice Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve agenda, Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, Commissioner Scott Downing voting yes, which passed with Vice Chairman O. D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting yes.

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Request: NONE**

**Beer and Wine Application: NONE**

### **Acceptance of Prior Minutes**

*Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to approve the February minutes; Vice Chairman O. D. Netter seconded motion. Commissioner the motion passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice Chairman O. D. Netter and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting yes*

*Vice Chairman O.D. Netter made motion to approve Workshop Meeting held on February 21, 2011, Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded Motion, the motion passed with Vice Chairman O. D. Netter and Commissioner Kathy Davis voting yes; Commissioner Downing abstained.*

*Vice Chairman Netter stated that House Bill 489 will be voted on at next month meeting*

### **Old Business**

**RLF Board vacancy-Registration of Barry Peavy and Shirley Fowler**

*Vice Chairman O. D. Netter made motion for Constance Manley to fill the vacancy of Shirley Fowler, to be effected April 1, 2011, Commissioner Scott Downing seconded. Motion passed with Vice Chairman and Commissioner Scott Downing voting yes.*

*Barry Peavy's position was tabled*

**Hospital Board vacancy-Lawton Tinely**

**Commissioner Scott Downing nominated Bruce Green  
Commissioner Kathy Davis nominated Michael Santee**

*Vice Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion be close nominations Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded motion, the motion passed with Vice Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Kathy Davis voting yes.*

**Hospital Authority vacancy-Registration of Carol McDonald**

**Commissioner Davis nominated Dr. William Hammond  
Commissioner Netter nominated Charles Coney and Larry Davis**

*Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to close nomination, Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded, the motion passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Commissioner Kathy Davis voting yes.*

**Resolution-Partnering with Department of Revenue**

Commissioner Scott Downing will ask the DOR to reciprocate the sharing of information regarding dale tax payments. Currently the State has no such Policy. The County is required to submit Information to the State. Commissioner Scott Downing stated that the Board of Commissioner would draft a resolution requesting the State share their information with the County.

**Tax Assessors Board vacancy-Expiration of Bill Jacobs's term.**

**Vice Chairman Netter stated that Joyce Merritt nominated Bill Jacobs**

*Commissioner Scott Downing move to close nominations, Vice Chairman O. D Netter seconded, which pass with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice Chairman O. D Netter voting for.*

**New Business**

Chairman Jay noted that today was Mr. O.D. Netter Birthday Celebration

**DFCS Board Vacancy-Carlton Mahone due to change of address**  
***Vice Chairman O.D Netter nominated Joyce Jenkins***

***Commissioner Scott Downing moves for nomination to be close, Vice Chairman seconded motion, the motion passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice Chairman O. D Netter both voting yes.***

***Vice Chairman O. D Netter made motion to declare the A.C Units surplus, also motion to take the money and buy a new Borrow Pit. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded motion, which passed with Vice Chairman and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for.***

**Sheriff Proposal for E- 911**

Sheriff Bobby McLemore proposed to take 911 Communications over and to take GCIC out of the jail and put it at 911 Communication; it will save the County money.

Vice Chairman O. D Netter suggested that a contract be drawn up effective March 16, 2011 and expiring in March 2013. Commissioner Netter said that there were two reasons why the County should have this contract;

1. The 2012 election season will see all of the constitutional Officers up for re-election including the Sheriff.
2. If no positive benefit had been created from this move, the County Commissioners could re-examine the agreement and take 911 back if needed.

***Vice Chairman O. D Netter motion for contract, Commissioner Scott Downing seconded, which passed with Vice Chairman and Commissioners Scott Downing voting for yes. Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice Chairman O. D Netter yes and Kathy Davis voted abstain***

**Agenda Changes and/or add on's**

**Adjourn**

