

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON APRIL 5, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE BEN HILL COUNTRY 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
Donna Lampkin	Assistant County Clerk

Commissioner Richard Goodman was still recuperating and unable to attend.

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

Pastor Pierre Francois gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public Comments:**

Karen Branch requested a workshop meeting on April 28, 2011 in order for the Commissioners to meet and talk with David R. Eichenthal concerning the Ben Hill County Coal Plant. She also read a report concerning the cost of operating a coal plant.

Jennifer Glen read a case study to the Commissioners about how many jobs were actually created by other coal power plants and the health effects coal plants causes.

Ellen Corrie expressed her concerns about the toxic pollution and economic impact a coal plant will have on the community. She presented articles about being more energy efficient.

**Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion for Commissioners to have a workshop meeting with David R. Eichenthal concerning the coal plant on April 28, 2011. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting on the motion.**

**Constitutional Officer:** None

**Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:**

Road Superintendent, Tim Kegebein, spoke on the damage the County endured after having bad thunder storms the night before.

**County Board of Reports**

None

**County Manager Report**

Acting County Manager/Clerk, Paula Jones, reported that an updated list of all County projects are in the meeting books. She stated Darrell Weeks is surveying the Sturgeon Creek property that was declared surplus and advertisement will be in the newspaper on Friday. She pointed out House Bill 277 road projects have been submitted to the Regional Commission and they are being reviewed by them.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Request:**

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion for special exemption on behalf of BJB Handy Man Computer Repair & Web Design Business owned by Benjamin Grice. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting on the motion.

**Beer and Wine Application: NONE**

## **Acceptance of Prior Minutes**

**Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made motion to approve the Special Called meeting minutes held on February 25, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis voting on the motion.**

**Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to approve the Workshop Meeting held on March 14, 2011; Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the Motion, which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Kathy Davis voting on the motion.**

**Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on March 15, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the Motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis voting on the motion.**

**Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Special Called meeting minutes held on March 28, 2011; Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter seconded the motion, which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Vice Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Scott Downing voting on the motion.**

## **Old Business: None**

## **New Business**

**Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to give Robbie Ash a six month extension on his back taxes and to take his property off the tax sell list. Vice-Chairman O. D Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting on the motion.**

**Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to approve the first quarter budget amendments. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter all voting on the motion.**

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

**Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve Johnny Mobley's CHIPS application. Vice-Chairman seconded the motion, which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting on the motion.**

**Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion for Tonya Puckett to fill the vacancy of Barry Peavy on the Revolving Loan Fund Board. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting on the motion.**

The meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk