

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 7, 2011 AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE BEN HILL COUNRY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

O.D. Netter	Vice-Chairman
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Richard Goodman	Commissioner
Paula Jones	County Manager/Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Donna Lampkin	Assistant County Clerk

Chairman Phillip C. Jay III was absent.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter called the meeting to order.

Rev. Terry Cole 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 and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to add the Web Mapping Presentation to the agenda after the County Board Reports. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present.

Public Comments:

Donna Studstill, Tom Calhoun, and Bill Liles made a plea to the Commissioners to exempt the property taxes for the Elks Lodge because they are struggling to remain open due to the economy.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board of Reports: NONE

GIS Mapping Presentation:

Chris Strome and Justin Jacobs of Southern Regional Commission presented to the Commissioners and the public an updated mapping system for Ben Hill County.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Paula Jones stated the auditors have completed the audit and the report will be issued soon. She also said we have been very busy with all the Revolving Loan Fund activity.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Request: NONE

Beer and Wine Application: NONE

Acceptance of Minutes

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on June 6, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing abstained from seconding the motion because he was not present at this meeting. 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 for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on June 7, 2011; Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Workshop meeting minutes held on June 13, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion, which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Workshop meeting minutes held on June 20, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with

Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Special Called meeting minutes held on June 20, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Special Called meeting minutes held on June 30, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Scott Downing made the motion to revisit the meeting minutes. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Richard Goodman all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to rescind the approval for the Workshop meeting minutes on June 20, 2011 and postpone until next month meeting. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Richard Goodman all voting for the motion.

Old Business:

Commissioner Scott Downing made the motion to postpone updating the County Code of Ordinances until January 2012 meeting. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Richard Goodman, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated that Lavonia Stepherson withdrew her name from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Board because she is on the Region Commission Board and both Boards meet on the same day. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated Lavonia Stepherson wants to continue on the Region Commission Board. .

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter withdrew GiGi Washington name as a nominee for the Community Service Board because she has a conflict of interest due to her job.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter asked the Commissioners for recommendations to fill the vacancies. Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to put the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Board vacancy and Community Service Board vacancy back on the agenda for next month under old business and to give the Commissioners at least 30 days to submit nominees for the Boards. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with

Commissioner Richard Goodman, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Prepaid 911 Fee Ordinance. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Richard Goodman all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Richard Goodman made a motion to sell the Multi-Service Center for \$15,000. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Richard Goodman then withdrew the motion because specifics were not stated in the motion. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion to withdraw; which passed with Commissioner Richard Goodman, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to declare the Multi-Service Center surplus and is no longer needed for public use. Richard Goodman seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Richard Goodman, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to sell the Multi-Service Center to Holsey Chapel CME Church for \$15,000 with the full responsibility of the upkeep of the building and the insurance. The building will be purchased by Holsey Chapel CME Church through the Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Richard Goodman seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Richard Goodman, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

New Business

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Ben Hill County Hospital Authority Bonds ordinance. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Richard Goodman all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to postpone taking any action on Shirley Swiger CHIP Loan request until the next meeting. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Richard Goodman all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter reported the Revolving Fund Loan met and they are in the process of changing the loan procedure.

Legislative Report

Commissioner Scott Downing stated the Commissioner needed to set a date to meet with State Representative Jay Roberts soon. He also stated the Commissioners needed to get the tax digest in and that he was registered to be a part of the telephone conference call with Senator Isakson.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Commissioner Richard Goodman made the motion to add the 8th Judicial Data Exchange Program upgrade to the agenda and to share in the cost of the program in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Richard Goodman, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Commissioner's Report: NONE

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk