

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

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip 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 absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Susan Hughes 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. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion

Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chairman O.D. made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the Elections contract from the City to old business. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Public Comments:

Donna Studstill presented the Commissioners with a list of other Elks lodges that are tax exempt in the State of Georgia and a printout from the IRS explaining exemption. She also asked the Commissioners to help them in any way possible.

Acceptance of Minutes

Commissioner Scott Downing made motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on June 20, 2011; 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 for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on July 6, 2011; Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on July 7, 2011; 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 for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made motion to approve the Work Shop Meeting minutes held on July 14, 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 for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on July 14, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board of Reports:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter reported the Development Authority met on July 20, 2011 and the Revolving Loan Fund met on August 2, 2011. The Revolving Loan Fund board reviewed three applicants and voted to pass one applicant. Both boards will meet again in the next two weeks and he would like for the Commissioners to attend.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter reminded the Commissioners the Community Service Board and the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Additive Diseases Board were vacant and need to be filled. County Manager Paula Jones said Pamela Turner expressed an interest in serving on the Community Service Board.

County Manager Report:

County Manager Paula Jones stated Chief Tax Appraiser Joyce Merritt will taking the Digest to Atlanta on Friday. She also mentioned the Code Red was in operation and she attended a demonstration on today. She reported Commissioner Scott Downing and EMA Director Jason Miller went to Atlanta to attend a meeting on the narrow banding project.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Request: NONE

Beer and Wine Application:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to approve the Beer and Wine application for The Hide Away. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Old Business:

Commissioner Scott Downing made the motion to adopt the official millage rate for Ben Hill County at 13.66 % and to accept the School millage rate at 15.644 %. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to change the agenda and go into executive session at this point. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to give County Attorney Toni Sawyer the authorization to take legal action against Little Achievers Daycare Corporation. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Revolving Loan Fund Board to loan Holsey Chapel CME Church \$25,000 plus all fees accrued at 3.75% interest and ten (10) years financing. The first payment is due September 25, 2011. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed

with Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the City Election contract with the amendments recommended by County Attorney Toni Sawyer. O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, and Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

New Business

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the 2nd 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 for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the Solid Waste write-offs that was recommend by the auditors for Club Paradise and Jon Spinks Chevrolet because they are no longer in business. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter all voting for the motion.

Legislative Report: NONE

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Commissioner's Report: NONE

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk