

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE BEN HILL COUNRY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip Jay III	Chairman
O.D. Netter	Vice-Chairman
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Commissioner Kathy Davis was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Chaplain Robert Tate 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 and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to add Jason Reidl to the agenda under new business. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Public Comments: NONE

Acceptance of Minutes

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on October 5, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on October 11, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on October 17, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on October 31, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board of Reports:

Dr. Growth and Sherri White from the Board of Health presented the Commissioners with financial data concerning the Ben Hill County Health Department. Sherri expressed her concern for the budget because of all the federal and state cuts.

County Manager Report: NONE

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Request: NONE

Beer and Wine Application: NONE

Old Business:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to rescind the motion to purchase CSI Technology Outfitters software in the amount of \$71,121.50 and for annual support in the amount of \$15,329.25. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made the motion to purchase software from Harris Software Solution. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

New Business

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made the motion to reinstate Steven Mitchell to the Forestry Commission Board. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the changes to the redistricting map. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to hire a County Manager for the interim position. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to close the application process for the County Manager Position on November 11, 2011. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Planning Director Jason Miller gave an update on the process of selling the land on Othar Lee Rogers Road.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve St. Williams Catholic Church as the west voting precinct. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to give Jason Reidl the equivalent of a well and septic tank on his tax bill for 2009 and 2010 due to an error by the Tax Assessor's office that consist of a well and septic tank on his property that don't exist. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter both voting for the motion.

Legislative Report:

Commissioner Scott Downing talked about some of the items that were discussed at the ACCG District 11 meeting which included the changes in the Open Meeting/Open Records Act Rewrite. The fines have increase to a \$1000 maximum criminal and civil penalty for the first violation and subsequent violations within a year fines are \$2500. Commissioner Downing also stated that some industries are looking into changing the weight limit on Georgia roads for hauling. He stated many people that are in the know think that this will be detrimental to the Counties as far as having to repair the roads and bridges. He also said there will be a lot of items that will come up to talk about.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated each Commissioner has the ACCG District 11 meeting information on the i-pads for them to look over and also it will be available on the Ben Hill County website. He also stated the Road superintendent Tim Kegebein, Planning Director Jason Miller, Payroll/Human Resource Clerk JoAnn Richardson, and someone from the Sheriff Department to make sure they are in compliance on the e-verify.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Commissioner's Report:

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated that at the next monthly meeting, Planning Director Jason Miller will do a demonstration of the updated GSI mapping system. Jason talked about all the new features that are available on the GSI mapping system.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna Lampkin, County Clerk