

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 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
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Reverend 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. Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

### **Public Comments:**

Beelena Davis, the new Executive Director of Family Connection, introduced herself to the Commissioners and the public. She stated she is looking forward to working for the community.

## **Acceptance of Minutes**

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on November 7, 2011; 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. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on November 8, 2011; Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Kathy Davis abstained from the vote because she was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on November 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. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on November 21, 2011; 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 Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on November 23, 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 Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Vice-Chairman O. D. Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on November 29, 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 Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on November 29, 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. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

**Constitutional Officer: NONE**

**Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:**

Recreation Director Joe Parrish invited the Commissioners to the annual Christmas dinner to be held at the Senior Citizen Center on December 15, 2011.

**County Board of Reports: NONE**

**County Manager Report: NONE**

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Request: NONE**

**Beer and Wine Application: NONE**

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone the agenda item Reeves/Walker property. 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.

**New Business**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the Code Red Intergovernmental agreement between Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald. 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 postpone the DCA code update agenda item. 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 postpone the Walt Southerland property agenda item until the board receives clarification on the subject. 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 Scott Downing made a motion to authorize Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein to purchase a garbage truck. 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.

The Commissioners will be accepting names for Carol McDonald vacant seat on the Hospital Authority Board.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone the Public Transportation agenda item until the board receives clarification on the subject. 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.

**Legislative Report: NONE**

**Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE**

**Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Scott Downing welcomed Commissioner Bennie Calloway to the Commission Board and also thanked the community for their support of the annual Christmas parade.

Commissioner Kathy Davis welcomed Commissioner Bennie Calloway to the Commission Board and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter wished the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway thanked the public for electing him into the position and he stated he is excited about working for Ben Hill County.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna Lampkin, County Clerk