

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 14, 2011 AT 4:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Philip Jay III	Chairman
O.D. Netter	Vice-Chairman
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Paula Jones	Acting County Manager/Clerk
Donna Lampkin	Assistant County Clerk

Commissioner Richard Goodman was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to forgive the unforgiving portion of Ms. Shirley Swiger's CHIPS grant in the amount of \$2,891.00 so that she might finalize the sell of her property located at 121 Brunswick Avenue. 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 not increase taxes. 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 set a deadline for receiving agenda items from the public to three days before a meeting. 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 stated the Little Achiever's Daycare situation has resulted into a lawsuit. He said he received a letter from DCA encouraging the RLF Board to take an aggressive stand on this issue.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated Herbert Jones contacted him through a letter concerning the Grand Homecoming issues. He said that this is a huge event in Fitzgerald and he would like for the Commissioners to provide some support.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to rescind the motion to sell the multi-service center to Holsey Chapel CME Church with the full responsibility of the upkeep of the building and the insurance. 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.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter made a motion to give the multi-service center to the Development Authority for the purpose of selling the building to Holsey Chapel CME Church in the amount of \$15,000.00 with the full responsibility of the maintenance of the building and the insurance. The Development Authority will give Ben Hill County the \$15,000 from the sell. 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk