

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 28, 2011 AT 3:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

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

Chairman Philip C. Jay, III called the meeting to order.

Probate Judge, David Hobby, expressed to the Commissioners his concerns about records in need of being archived. He stated the last records were archived in the early 1980's and that he wanted direction from the Commissioners concerning getting the records archived. Judge Hobby had contacted ACS concerning archiving the records. He stated ACS would allow one of their employees to come to the Probate Office, free of charge, and complete the work for them. ACS will charge twenty-eight cent per copy and after all records have been archived, the annual fee will be approximately \$600.00 per year. The Commissioners stated they would consider Judge Hobby's request and also look into other ways to get the records archived.

Rev. Herbert Jones, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Grand Homecoming Committee, invited the Commission to be a part of the Homecoming activities starting August 1, 2011 and ending August 7, 2011. Rev Jones proceeded to ask the Commissioners for a donation to help support the events that are scheduled to take place. Chairman Jay stated to Rev. Jones that the Commissioners would get back with him concerning the donation.

Thelma Graham presented to the Commissioners a proposal to purchase a half lot of land on Waldon Avenue. She stated the owner had passed away and the taxes have not been paid on the land in years. She wants the Commissioners to waive penalties and interest on the taxes so that she can purchase the land at the value the Tax Assessors have on record. Commissioner Netter stated they would have to ask County Attorney Toni Sawyer about how to proceed with this matter and they would get back with her at a later date.

Vice-Chairman O.D. Netter stated that some seniors from the Senior Citizen Center wanted to purchase plaques to honor Charlie L. Rodwell and Carrie P. Peavy for their volunteer work. Vice-Chairman Netter also stated that he would like to start recognizing the volunteers each year for their hard work and dedication.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Paula J. Jones, County Manager/Clerk