

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2012 AT 10:00 AM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Philip Jay III	Chairman
OD Netter Jr.	Vice-Chairman
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Proposed Millage Rate

Jackie Owens explained that his taxes had increased in the past years and that something needed to be done about his increased property taxes.

Commissioner Scott Downing explained to Mr. Owens that the state had taken away the Homestead Relief Grant and that was the reason for the increase of his taxes. The County did not increase taxes.

Jeremy Cox expressed the need to work together. He stated he didn't agree with the tax increase for those that are paying taxes. He also reference County Manager Frank Feild recommendations to cut the budget and stated it was time to make the hard decisions.

Jerry Harden asked about the option of joining the County and City Government. He also recommended cutting everywhere there can be a cut.

Gudrun Mills suggested getting everyone involved to help build up the community not just when times are bad. She also thanked everyone that attended the public hearing and showing their concerns for this community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk