

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JUNE 5, 2012 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

OD Netter	Vice-Chairman
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Kathy Davis	Commissioner
Frank Feild	Interim County Manager
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Philip Jay III was absent.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter called the meeting to order.

Reverend Steve O'Neal 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. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comments:

Reverend George Vereen, Vice-Chairman of the NAACP Street Committee, is requesting Dr. Martin Luther King be officially honored in Fitzgerald by renaming or attaching his name beginning at Park Circle, Sawyer Drive, Palm Street, and ending at Merrimac Drive.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on May 8, 2012. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Elected Officials and Department Head Reports:

Commissioner Scott Downing reported EMS has some collections discrepancies. The company that bills for the insurance has changed over to a new system and they were late getting out the check us; but we should be receiving a large check to make up for the short fall.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report

Mr. Feild reported the County and the City joined together to clean up property on Justice Avenue and Perry House Road and both areas look much better. He also stated the Reaves Walker property has been declared excess property and is posted on govdeals.com and advertised in the Herald Leader.

Mr. Field also stated that we are ready to start on the LMIG projects. The cost to resurface Lobinger, Cheryl Lane, Pine Level Church Rd., and Anderson Memorial Church Rd. is \$138,359.00. These projects will be funded with SPLOST funds. At the next Commission meeting, he would like to schedule a presentation involving the Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein to assist him in talking about road projects for the next five to ten years.

Coast 2 Coast

Mr. Feild mentioned he has received the paperwork on the Coast2Coast prescription card.

Mr. Field stated the Secretary of State recognized Elections Office Manager Cindi Dunlap for Outstanding Georgia Citizen.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Old Business:

Garbage Truck Note

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion for Ben Hill County to enter into contract with Kansas State Bank to purchase a garbage truck and allow the Vice-Chairman in the absences of the Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

County Manager's Contract

Interim County Manager Frank Feild recommended continuing with the current contract already in effect to stay within budget.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to continue with the current contract for Interim County Manager Frank Feild. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion. After further discussion, Commissioner Kathy Davis withdrew her motion and Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to offer Interim County Manager Frank Feild a new contract beginning July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 with the same provisions set forth in the original contract except for the word Interim County Manager will be deleted from the contract. Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to make an amendment to the motion to delete all wording in the contract that states six months or up to six months and add calendar year in its place. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

New Business

DLS Services Presentation

Recreation Director Joe Parrish asked the Board for a resolution to proceed forward with architectural design and cost estimation for construction of a multi-purpose recreational facility, offices, gymnasium, and/or a swimming pool for recreational use.

Joint Resolution to Design Recreation Facility

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the resolution giving Recreation Director Joe Parrish permission to proceed forward with architectural design and cost estimation for construction of a multi-purpose recreational facility, offices, gymnasium, and/or a swimming pool for recreational use. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Commissioner Kathy Davis both voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to amend the resolution by adding an Outdoor arena to the architectural design. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Commissioner Scott Downing both voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Joint Resolution for Lost

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone this agenda item and authorize Chairman Philip Jay and County Manager Frank Feild to send a letter to the Commission of Revenue stating that Ben Hill County is engaged in negotiation. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Resolution Declaring Garbage Trucks Excess Property

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to declare the 1993 Volvo Front Loader Garbage Truck and the 1999 White Front Loader Garbage Truck excess surplus property. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

Employee Health Insurance Contract Renewal

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone this agenda item. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Julie Wright RLF Application

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Fund loan to Julie Wright in the amount of \$63,000.00. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Larry Searcy RLF Application

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Fund loan to Larry Searcy in the amount of \$12,500.00. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Tim Kegebein/Ben Hill County Forestry Board Reappointment

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to reappoint Tim Kegebein back to the Ben Hill Forestry Board. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Milton “Bubba” Hopkins/Ben Hill County Forestry Board Reappointment

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to reappoint Milton “Bubba” Hopkins to the Ben Hill Forestry Board. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Anne Wood/Ben Hill County DFAC Board Reappointment

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to reappoint Anne Wood to the Ben Hill DFAC Board. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Joe Worthington/Hospital Authority Nominee

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to nominate Joe Worthington to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to nominate Bruce Green to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to nominate Dr. Hammond to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

July Monthly Meeting Date

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to change the Monthly Meeting date to July 10, 2012 due to Independence Day. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

September Monthly Meeting Date

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to change the Monthly Meeting date to September 11, 2012. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add ons:

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Legislative Report:

Commissioner Scott Downing stated the ACCG Policy Meetings would be going on throughout the month of June. He encouraged the Commissioners to get involved and attend some of the meetings.

Commissioner’s Remarks: NONE

Vice-Chairman OD Netter wished Chairman Jay III well.

Meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk