

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2012 AT 6:30 PM IN THE  
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Philip C. Jay III | Chairman        |
| OD Netter         | Vice-Chairman   |
| Scott Downing     | Commissioner    |
| Bennie Calloway   | Commissioner    |
| Kathy Davis       | Commissioner    |
| Frank Feild       | County Manager  |
| Toni Sawyer       | County Attorney |
| Donna Lampkin     | County Clerk    |

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

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

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

### **Public Comments: NONE**

### **Acceptance of Prior Minutes**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on June 4, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on July 2, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on July 3, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on July 10, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for

the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on July 19, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on July 26, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion. Commissioner Scott Downing abstained.

**Constitutional Officer: NONE**

**Elected Officials and Department Head Reports: NONE**

**County Board Reports: NONE**

**County Manager's Report**

County Manager Frank Feild reported Pat Ashley and Harris Computers have been working with us for the last two weeks helping correct the problems in our accounting software.

He stated the layoff is proceeding as the Commission directed last week. The County staff is continuing to support the Tax Commissioner in collecting back taxes on mobile homes.

The discussion is continuing with the City of Fitzgerald on the Local Option Sales Tax distribution. The two governments agree that the distribution should remain 50/50; with the agreement that both governments jointly examine all our service delivery and joint expenses; adjusting them wherever necessary. He also addressed the changes in the Public Hearings for the digest.

The Solid Waste Department took delivery on the new garbage truck last week. The garbage truck was paid for with 2011 SPLOST funds. He clarified how the law requires SPLOST funds can be used.

Last week, Ben Hill County introduced the Coast2Coast prescription discount cards throughout the community. They are free and can be picked up at pharmacies, Senior Citizen Center, Library, Health Department, and other locations throughout Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County.

Last Wednesday, the Commission listened to the comments and concerns of the Ben Hill County Citizens during a public hearing. The staff appreciates every idea our citizens shared with us and we will evaluate each one of them.

Chairman Philip Jay thanked County Manager Frank Feild, County Clerk Donna Lampkin, Michael Santee, and Jason Miller for their hard work and dedication.

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Application: NONE**

**Alcohol Application: NONE**

**Old Business:**

**DLS Board Reappointment**

The Nominees for the DLS Board is Leroy Dunnom and David Evans. Commissioner Kathy Davis, Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter voted for Leroy Dunnom. Commissioner Scott Downing voted for David Evans. Leroy Dunnom was appointed to the DLS Board.

**New Business: NONE**

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

**Legislative Report:**

Commissioner Scott Downing reported he attended the Economic Development and Transportation meeting. Todd Long, from the Department of Transportation, attended the meeting and spoke about the TSPLOST massive failure in the past election throughout the state. **He explained that since the TSPLOST did not pass in our region Ben Hill County would have to contribute 30% for all LMIG projects instead of 10%. He also attended the Natural Resource meeting.**

**Commissioner's Remarks:**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter reported the District Attorney Association elected Denise Fachini as the District Attorney of the year

He also reported he spoke with Michael Casper from the Department of Community Affairs concerning the Revolving Loan Fund report being turned in on time. He made an agreement with DCA to correct the issue.

He thanked the Department Heads and Constitutional Officers for working with the Commissioners. He then asked County Manager Frank Feild to summarize the budget cut recommendations from 2012 budget option handout.

Commissioner Scott Downing thanked the public for coming out and he encouraged them to look into how the government operates.

Commissioner Kathy Davis stated she respect those citizens that has gotten involved.  
Meeting was adjourned.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk