

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2012 AT 3:00 PM IN THE  
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

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

Commissioner Scott Downing was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Appointment/Associate Probate Judge**

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to approve Melinda Stembridge as Associate Probate Judge for the term of the Probate Judge. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Vice-Chairman OD Netter both voting for the motion.

**Voluntary Reduction In Force**

Commissioner Kathy Davis made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the September 11, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Kathy Davis and Vice-Chairman OD Netter both voting for the motion.

**Personnel Handbook Changes**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the September 11, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting and have Frank Field, Sheriff McLemore, and Toni Sawyer meet and discuss the changes and send them to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter and Commissioner Kathy Davis and both voting for the motion.

**Real Properties**

County Manager Frank Field stated the Dewey McGlamry and the Reeves/Walker properties have already been declared surplus and ready to be sold. He also stated the County has other tax deeds that are being prepared to sale in order to get back on the tax roll.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway entered the meeting at this time.

Michael Acree addressed the Commissioners with an interest to purchasing Lot 57 and 58 on the Turkey Creek Lane. He stated he would do what was necessary to acquire the property to build a home there.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to add agenda items DCA and Back Tax Bill to the agenda. 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.

### **DCA**

County Attorney Toni Sawyer reported she sent a letter to Michael Casper of DCA discussing the letter the Revolving Loan Fund Board received concerning returning the money back to DCA because the annual reports were consistently late. Toni said Ben Hill County should be receiving a response from DCA stating the Board can keep the funds providing the County send the reports and bank statements in on time.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter stated he and County Attorney Toni Sawyer will meet with Mr. Quinton Robinson of USDA to modify the qualifications on the USDA loan in the amount of \$99,000.00 in order for applicants to be eligible to receive this loan.

### **Back Tax Bill**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to authorize Tax Commissioner Linda McDonald to put every name that owes back taxes in the local newspaper every two weeks until December 21, 2012. Commissioner Kathy Davis seconded the motion, which passed which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Kathy Davis, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to add agenda item Millage Rate to the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

### **Millage Rate**

County Manager Frank Feild reported the Tax Assessor Joyce Merritt and Tax Commissioner Linda McDonald took the tax digest to Atlanta. The tax digest was rejected because the County notice of intent to increase property tax ad was not large enough and the School Board dates were wrong on their advertisement.

### **LOST**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the City's LOST Resolution with the exceptions of modifying the resolution to reflect the Mayor, Chairman, and the City and County Clerk signature. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Kathy Davis all voting for the motion.

County Manager Frank Field indicated they are continuing to look at service delivery strategies between the City and County.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

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Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk