

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2012 AT 7:00 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
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Commissioner Kathy Davis was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to relax the rules on addressing the Chairman, Commissioners, and the public. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Furlough Days

County Manager Frank Feild presented a power point presentation that recommended a day a month furlough day for all hourly employees to help meet the budget cap. He stated we are the first County that has had a County wide lay-off in Georgia that saved \$127,706.00. He also said not everyone participated. How the employees take their furlough day will be at the discretion of the Department Heads and Constitutional Officers. This is to reduce expenses and help them with the budget cuts.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the furlough days that include eight (8) hours per pay month for the first three months of the 2013 year. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Budget

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda items for the December Monthly Meeting.

County Manager Frank Field reported Extension Coordinator Scott Carlson negotiated a new agreement with the University of Georgia to reduce the County's expenses by \$15,000.00.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the contract with the University of Georgia. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the 2013 budget in the amount of \$8.63 million dollars. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk