

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 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 Jr.	Vice-Chairman
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Frank Field	County Manager
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Commissioner Kathy Davis was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

2013 Budget Discussion

County Manager Frank Field discussed the proposed 2013 Joint Services budget. He stated they had met with the City to discuss the budget. He mentioned the City is waiting on an answer from the County. He also stated discussion will continue on the Grand Conference Center and the Grand Theatre.

Frank reported the 2012 revenues are below budget. He gave the Commissioners a spreadsheet that disclosed expected revenues and expenditures for 2013. The Commissioners discussed selected line items and asked questions.

Frank stated the proposed budget for 2013 will be \$9,000,000.00 for revenues and expenses. The departments will have to work within \$8,500,000.00. The other \$500,000.00 will be in a restricted account and will require Commissioners to vote to disburse funds. This would require the Constitutional Officers and the Department Heads to petition the Commissioners for additional funds if needed.

Frank suggested monthly budget reviews with Department Heads, Constitutional Officers, and Commissioners. The guidance of the Commissioners should be to keep the departments within budget or explain in a public meeting as to why they are over budget. The Department Heads and Constitutional Officers should pursue cost reduction and revenue increases in all areas.

Recommended planning priorities are to:

- Rebuild fund balance
- Put excess County property back on the tax roll
- Re-evaluate property values
- Work release and Probation reimbursement
- Review service delivery strategies and property exchange options

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk