

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2013 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip C. Jay III	Chairman
OD Netter	Vice-Chairman
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Chairman Jay announced this meeting was posted 24-hours in advance in compliance with Georgia Law. All Commissioners were telephonically notified. An announcement and agenda were posted on the Commissioners I-Pads, distributed by e-mail, posted on the county website, and posted on the door to the Commissioner's Meeting Room. The Herald-Leader was notified by E-mail.

Pastor Jeff Parmer gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments To The Rules Of Order

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

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to add Student Guardian Program to the agenda. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, 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 November 4, 2013. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on November 5, 2013. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes held on November 25, 2013. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on November 25, 2013. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report: NONE

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Old Business:

Student Guardian Program

School Superintendent Nancy Whidden stated she met with the Sheriff, Chief of Police, and Angie Dopson concerning this program. She stated this is a way to keep our students safe and a source of revenue for the County. She introduced Mark Artis, a Sales Representative, for Redflex Student Guardian.

Mr. Artis provided a power-point presentation demonstrating how the Student Guardian camera system operates and the process from start to finish how the fines will be collected from violators. He mentioned the only time the company will get paid if the citation issued is paid.

Commissioners asked questions concerning the product and some of the language in the contract.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Student Guardian Program and to contact Judge Hobby concerning collections. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

South Georgia Regional Commission Appointment

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to close nomination. Steven Pair is appointed to the South Georgia Commission Board.

New Business: NONE

Agenda Changes and/or add ons: NONE

Legislative Report:

Commissioner Scott Downing reported the Legislative meetings are coming up at the first of the year. He encouraged the Commissioners to attend and spend some time at the Capitol.

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk