# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD ON JANUARY 30 AT 4:00 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
Daniel Cowan Commissioner
Frank Feild County Manager
Donna Lampkin County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

#### Joe & Mavis Rowe

Mavis Rowe stated she and her husband Joe Rowe had purchase some land from Annquitta Magwood and that she is almost finished paying for the property. She discovered Annquitta Magwood had not paid the property taxes on the land and Ben Hill County has a tax deed on the land because of delinquent taxes. She asked the Commissioners not to sale the land but give her an opportunity to pay the delinquent taxes on the land.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to give Joe and Mavis Rowe a 90 day extension to pay the delinquent taxes on Annquitta Magwood property. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

### Jasper Stewart/Tax Assessor Board Reappointment

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to reappoint Jasper Stewart to the Tax Assessor Board. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to change the agenda by adding Revolving Loan Fund Board membership and Reappoint Revolving Loan Fund Board Members. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, , and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

## **Revolving Loan Fund Board Membership**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to change the Revolving Loan Fund membership from no less than five (5) members to no more than seven (7) members to no less than five (5) members to no more than eight (8) members. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, , and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

## **Revolving Loan Fund Board Members Reappoints**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to reappoint the Revolving Loan Fund members OD Netter, Scott Downing, Rick Jones, Gill Braddy, Roffie Sheppard, and Cam Jordan to the board. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, , and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

### **TAN Note**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to accept the TAN Note bid from Community Bank, Planters Bank, and Colony Bank in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 with a fixed rate of 3.25%, authorize the County Attorney to draw up the contract same as last year except the amount, interest, and date, and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion. Commissioner Scott Downing abstained from the vote.

# **Holding Accounts**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter stated Ben Hill County doesn't have a policy on when collections are to be turned in to the Commission Office from the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads. He suggested the money to be turned in every two weeks. He also stated he and County Manager Frank Feild will write a policy for Constitutional Officers and Department Heads to turn in all money collected by Wednesday before payroll.

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

### 2012 Budget

County Manager Frank Field reported that all journal entries have been applied to the 2012 Budget. He stated the revenue budgeted for 2012 is \$9,962,423.00; the actual revenue collected is \$9,670,423.15, which is 97.07% of what was projected to be collected. The expenditure budgeted for 2012 is \$9,664,998.00; the actual expenditure spent is \$8,914,221.27, which is 92.23% of what was projected to be spent. He reported we finished with a \$751,221.19 surplus.

The meeting was adjourned.	
	Philip C. Jay III, Chairman
	Donna R. Lampkin, County Clerk