

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 24, 2013 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
Scott Downing	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Lampkin	County Clerk

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

2013 Budget

County Manager Frank Feild gave a brief summary of the 2013 revenues and expenditures for the month of March. He stated the expenditures are at 25.81% for the 1st quarter and year to date total is \$2,227,414.51. The revenues are at 17.57% for the 1st quarter and the year to date total is \$1,502,420.71.

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 and Vice-Chairman OD Netter voting for the motion.

County Manager Frank Feild discussed the expenditure budget department by department.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to extend the Volunteer Fire Department current budget status for one month. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman OD Netter voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to create a separate line item in General Administration budget for indigent burial and transfer \$6,000 from Debt Services into the line item. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman OD Netter voting for the motion.

County Manager Frank Feild stated there will be an increase to the health insurance expense by \$42,236 to compensate for a 15.03% premium increase that is expected to go into effect on July 1st. The current premium is \$503.61 per employee per month and currently there is 93 employees enrolled. After further discussion, the Commissioners decided to discuss this issue in June.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to include the Title Ad Valorem Tax administrative fees received from GA State Motor Vehicle Division to the Tax Commissioner's budget. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing voting for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to add \$8,746 to the sheriff's budget from the sale of excess vehicles. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing and Vice-Chairman OD Netter voting for the motion.

County Manager Frank Feild recommended a \$14,000 increase in EMS budget to cover the increase in the retirement cost. The Commissioners decide to wait a couple months before any adjustments are made to the retirement line item because all departments were affected.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan joined the meeting at this time.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the hiring of a Transport Deputy/Court Security Officer. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter and Commissioner Scott Downing voting for the motion.

Sheriff Bobby McLemore explained how he has to operate on night shift because he is so shorthanded because of the position he cut. He said the cuts he made has put a strain on the department and has caused them to prioritize E911 calls. He stated he wanted the Commissioners to know they are very shorthanded.

The Sheriff addressed the problem they are having with their hand held radios receiving signals. He mentioned possibly putting repeaters in all the cars so they will be transmitting from the vehicle instead of the tower. Right now he is working with Two Way Communication to fine tune the radios and to see what exactly needs to be done.

He also mentioned the extra leave time that is being used at E911 that was not budgeted.

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein and Sheriff McLemore thanked the Commissioners for giving the employees the gift certificate.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion approve Judge Hobby to sign a one year contract with Parkway Assets Recovery LLC collection agency and to turn in a monthly report to the Commission. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna Lampkin-Prather, County Clerk