

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 28, 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
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Bryson McDonald, Trispen Medellin, and Conner Faxon, representing Boy Scout Troop 875, were present at the Commission meeting along with their leader Ryan Reese to be recognized for working on their Communications Merit Badge.

EMS Grant

EMS Director Mark Shealy asked the Commissioners for approval to apply for the Trauma Equipment Grant through the Trauma Commission.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve EMS Director Mark Shealy to apply for the Trauma Equipment grant and to put all grants applied for in the Commissioners virtual office so they can keep track of all grants. 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.

Hydrology Study

Skip Starling of the National Fire Service Office presented ISO ratings for Montezuma and Macon County to provide proof of the quality of his work. Mr. Starling stated it is time to move forward and see what happens because the Volunteer Fire Chief has already tested the water from dry hydrates and sent the paperwork in to ISO. He stated there is no reason for him to continue working for Ben Hill County.

After further conversation, Vice-Chairman OD Netter recommended allowing Mr. Skip and Mr. Conger to continue working so that the Commission can compare both findings.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to allow Skip Starling to continue the work he was hired to complete. The motion died because no one seconded the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to allow Skip Starling to continue the work he was hired to complete. 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.

2013 Budget Review & Adjustments

County Manager Frank Field reported July revenues are on track at 34.65%. He compared the prior year collections for July and reported Real Property collected for July 2012 was \$19,061.00 and July 2013 collections are \$30,721.00. He stated we have completed (7) seven months and the overall expenditures are at 58.54%.

Inmate Medical Savings Program

County Manager Frank Field stated the Sheriff is not present at the meeting to explain the program; but there is an attachment. He stated we are one of the few counties in the state that are not participating. He stated he would like to postpone until next week and give the Sheriff an opportunity to talk about it.

Commissioner Scott Downing stated there are inmates that are eligible for Federal Medicare funds that we are not applying for. The program filters out the inmates; but there is some work involved by keeping up with who is and turn it in. Once the information regarding inmates is turned in, the program will help keep track of those that are eligible and reimburse the County back. He stated most of the counties are saving somewhere around half on their medical expenses.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter stated this program would be a plus for Ben Hill County and ask that it be added to the Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda.

LESO Program Memorandum of Agreement

County Manager Frank Field read the Memorandum Agreement between the Commissioners and the Sheriff.

Commissioner Scott Downing approve the Memorandum Agreement for the LESO Program and to authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. 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.

Sheriff Deputies Cost Projections

County Manager Frank Field presented a spread sheet that showed the actual cost of hiring two deputies for 2013 and 2014.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to increase the Sheriff's budget by \$24,541.40 for the two deputies for 2013 and decrease Debt Service by \$24,541.40. 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 increase the Volunteer Fire Department budget by \$447.00 and decrease Debt Service by \$447.00. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to increase the Queensland Well budget by \$5,000.00 and decrease Debt Service by \$5,000.00. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk