

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 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.

County Manager Frank Feild announced that EMA Director Jason Miller was on his way back with the retro fit ambulance.

He also stated he received a request from the Drug Taskforce for a letter of support to apply for grant money in 2014. Mr. Feild asked the Commissioners if they wanted to continue to fund the Drug Taskforce.

Mr. Field informed the Commissioners that during the Federal Government shutdown, Area Agency on Aging sent a notice of service discharge to stop funding Senior Citizen Nutrition on November 15th if the Government didn't reopen. The Senior Citizen Center has continued business as usual.

2013 Budget Review and Amendments

County Manager Frank Feild gave a comparison of the September 2012 and September 2013 real property revenue collected. He gave a brief review of the monthly expenditures and revenues.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the budget amendments recommended by County Manager Frank Feild. 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.

Proposed Joint Services Budget

County Manager Frank Field submitted a proposed budget for the Joint Services. He recommended the Commissioners approve the Joint Services budget he submitted.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Joint Services Budget submitted by County Manager Frank Feild. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which failed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter and Commissioner Bennie Calloway voted for the motion and Commissioner Scott Downing and Commissioner Daniel Cowan voted against the motion. Chairman Philip Jay broke the tie by voting against the motion.

Special Accounts Budget

County Manager Frank Feild mentioned we received direction from the auditors to use the previous year audited numbers to produce a budget for the Special Accounts. Mr. Feild stated this is one of the items that we were being written up for in the audit and are making the necessary corrections.

2014 County Budget

County Manager Frank Feild recommendation to the Commissioners is the begin the budget process by using the 2013 Budget bottom line totals and use it for the 2014 budget. He also mentioned he wanted to continue to allow the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads the opportunity to come before the Commissioners to request budget adjustments.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve using the 2013 Budget bottom line totals to begin the 2014 budget process. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Vice-Chairman OD Netter withdrew the motion. 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.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve using the 2013 Budget amended budget and use it for the 2014 budget. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Vice-Chairman OD Netter withdrew the motion. 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 using the 2013 Budget bottom line totals to begin the 2014 budget process. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion which passed with; Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk