

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2014 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.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to add 2014 TAN Note, Executive Session, and USDA Grant to the agenda and to change the order of the agenda by handling agenda item TAN Note first. 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.

TAN Note

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to accept the TAN Note bid of 3.25% from Community Bank, Planters First Bank, and Colony Bank. Commissioner Bennie Calloway 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.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the TAN Note Resolution. 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.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. 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.

USDA Grant

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the use of the County Tax ID number on a grant application. 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.

2013 Budget vs. Actual

County Manager Frank Feild gave a brief summary of the 2013 budget revenues and expenditures.

Request for Funds

County Manager Frank Feild presented a request for budget amendments from the Clerk of Superior Court in the amount of \$3,000 to pay for a Hearing Officer and from the Board of Elections in the amount of \$10,200 to cover travel expenses.

Vice Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the amendment for Clerk of Superior Court in the amount of \$3,000 to pay for a Hearing Officer. 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.

Mr. Feild recommended postponing the Board of Elections request until he received clarity concerning the request.

Request for Adjustments

This agenda item was taken care of in the Request for Funds agenda item.

Close-Out 2013 Budget

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to postpone this agenda item. 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.

Employee Wages

County Manager Frank Feild reported we are moving forward with the employee wage and salary survey that will be completed by the Carl Vinson Institute. Mr. Feild stated an adjustment will be needed to the documentation to add this component what they are already scheduled to do.

February Monthly Meeting Date

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to reschedule the February Monthly Meeting to February 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Scott Downing all voting for the motion.

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to enter into Executive Session. 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 close Executive Session. 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 Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes. 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.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve bonuses for the County Manager and the County Clerk and to make budget adjustments to accommodate the bonuses. 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