

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

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to change the order of the agenda. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Budget Request/Drug Taskforce

Drug Taskforce Commander Wesley Scarbary presented an operating budget and reason for the budget increase. He also discussed how the Drug Taskforce function and their targets. Lori Beth Tucker, Drug Taskforce Finance Secretary, explained that throughout the years the amount of the grant has been reduced considerable and this has caused them to not have enough funds to operate effectively. She always provided how the multiple accounts operate.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the \$12,441.81. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Irwin County Chairman of Commission Joey Whitley and Sheriff Donnie Youghn both expressed their support for the Drug Taskforce. They both stated the Drug Taskforce does a great job for them and is much needed.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to amend the Drug Taskforce budget by \$12,441.81. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

2005 & 2011 SPLOST Update

County Manager Frank Feild reported the work for Westwood Park is being done, improvements are being done at the Monitor Center, and he has received an appraisal for the property at 110 South Sherman Street. All these projects are being funded with the 2005 SPLOST Recreation funds.

Mr. Field also reported he is working on Public Transportation. Several options have been developed and he will give a detail report at the Regular monthly meeting.

2014 Budget Review

County Manager Frank Feild gave a brief summary of the 2014 budget revenues and expenditures as of April 30, 2014. Mr. Field stated over all we are in good shape.

Mr. Field also pointed out the Sheriff has zero collection on the monthly report for collection under the ordinance line. He also reported we received an offer for a parcel on Othar Lee Rogers road. It is a possibility the buyer might buy two of the parcels.

Budget Requests/ *Public Defender*

County Manager Frank Feild informed the Commissioners of a proposal from the Office of the Public Defender for a \$42,389 increase in their budget beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 to fund another position.

Budget Adjustment

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to amend the Sheriff Department budget by \$52,117.50 to purchase radios. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk