

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JULY 30, 2014 AT 6:15 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.

**Adoption of 2014 Tax Digest**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the School Board millage rate at 17.739%, to adopt the official rate for Ben Hill County at 14.881%, to approve 0.10% for State Tax, approve the Tax Levy Resolution, and to authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

**Excess Property Resolution**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Excess Property 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 Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve all funds collected from the sale of excess property goes back to the Road Department to purchase equipment. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

**General Liability Insurance**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve One Beacon as Ben Hill County General Liability Insurance carrier. 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.

### **RLF Loan Increase**

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the RLF loan increase for Shorty's Trucking Company in the amount of \$5,000.00 and combine both loans into one payment. Commissioner Scott Downing seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Scott Downing, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

### **Ceramic's Kilns**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the Regular Monthly Meeting. 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.

### **Chamber Fee-For –Service Agreement**

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Fee-For-Service Agreement for the Chamber; but change July to August and the amount paid for the remainder of this year to reflect the changes. 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.

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

### **Economic Development**

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to appoint County Manager Frank Feild as Support Staff and Advisory for Economic Development. 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.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to amend the previous motion by adding County Manager Frank Feild will report activity from the Economic Development to the Commission body. 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.

### **Transfer Properties**

County Manager Frank Feild stated he is generating a list of all county owned property to task the Ben Hill County Development Authority with selling the properties.

### **Acquisition of Properties**

County Manager Frank Field reported the Ben Hill County Development Authority have been working on two code name projects that will involve acquisition of properties.

**2014 Budget Review**

County Manager Frank Feild stated he thinks we are in good shape. The revenues are at 34.77%; but when you take out real property and the insurance premium tax we are at 53% because these funds are collected at year end. The expenditures are at 55.57%. Mr. Feild stated there are some problem areas such as the Tax Assessor is over in attorney fees because of the appeals and the Sheriff Department is over extensively in attorney fees, admin purchase service, and dues and subscriptions.

**Budget Request: NONE**

EMS Director Mark thanked the Commissioners for approving a budget amendment request to purchase two cardiac monitors. He stated the monitors were used this past weekend for a cardiac arrest patient that was proven successful. He also reported EMS revenue is up by \$34,000 and E911 calls are up by 2800 from this time last year.

County Manager Frank Feild stated he has been working with EMS Director Mark Shealy developing a plan financially to purchase a new truck. He stated this is something worth looking into.

Mr. Field informed the Commissioners he is sending a letter inviting the Hospital Authority to a Commission meeting to give an update on what is happening with the hospital.

He also stated the Queensland plaque is coming in and there will be a ceremony on August 5, 2014 beginning at either two or three o'clock.

**Budget Amendments: NONE**

The meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk