

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 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 called the meeting to order.

October Monthly Meeting

The Commissioners changed the October Regular Monthly Meeting from October 7th to October 6th, to be held at 6:30 pm.

Public Defender Burton Baker

Burton Baker reported the Public Defender Office has \$5,342.45 to return to the County from their operating budget. Mr. Burton is asking the Commissioners if they can keep this amount and transfer it their personnel budget in order to help fund an emergency attorney.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to allow the Public Defender to keep the \$5,342.45 to hire an attorney. 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.

Resolution/Property on 110 S. Sherman Street

This agenda item was postponed.

EMS New Ambulance

County Manager Frank Field reported he has developed a strategy in order to purchase a new ambulance that will include a budget adjustment.

Communication Tower

This agenda item was postponed.

Queensland Well #1 Lease

This agenda item was postponed.

Queensland Well #2 Lease

This agenda item was postponed.

2014 RBEG Service Agreement

County Manager Frank Feild reported all Service Agreements have been executed to all agencies involved for the 2014 RBEG grant.

Excess Vehicle & Equipment

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to declare the listed property as surplus and authorize the disposal of the property. 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.

2014 Budget Review

County Manager Frank Feild gave a brief summary of the revenues and expenditures as of August 30, 2014. He stated over all he don't think departments are that out of shape.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to amend the Tax Assessor budget by \$4,500.00 to purchase a vehicle. 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.

2015 Budget Planning

County Manager Frank Feild stated he has already begun working on the 2015 budget. He asked the Commissioners if they had any guidance for the 2015 budget because he would like to have it adopted by Thanksgiving.

Chairman Philip Jay asked the Commissioners if they had any rejection to him sending a letter of support on behalf of the Drug Task Force to the Grant Agency.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to authorize to sign a letter of support for the Drug Task Force. 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk