

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2015 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip C. Jay III	Chairman
OD Netter	Vice-Chairman
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bennie Calloway gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments To The Rules Of Order

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to relax the rules on addressing the Chairman, Commissioners, and the public. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

Public Comments:

Andria Webb presented Team Hope to the Commissioners. The mission of Team Hope is to provide support and encouragement to children and their family that are fighting cancer. Ms. Webb asked the Commissioners for financial support to help support Knockout Cancer during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This event purpose is to sponsor the children and their families a day of fun and games on September 19, 2015 at the Rock N' Roll Bowling in Douglas, GA. All proceeds will go to the children.

Donald Wilcox introduced himself to the Commissioners as Co-CEO of Global Direction, a Community-Based Organization that promotes the growth and development of its individual members. They also mentor young boys in the community. He stated their cleaning company is looking for work in the community.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting held on July 2, 2015. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes held on July 07, 2015. Vice-Chairman OD Netter seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney, all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve the Public Hearing held on July 23, 2015. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes held on July 23, 2015. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein gave a presentation on the road conditions and the amount of money needed to complete all projects.

Executive Director of Economic Development Courtney Whitman gave an update of Summer Nights in the Park and the school supply give away.

She also introduced Daphanie Williams. Mrs. Williams explained the adult literacy program where she volunteers her time at the Monitor Center helping the community get their drivers licenses and get their GED.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Frank Feild reported the following:

Budget Review

Mr. Feild gave a brief review of the revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2015.

Audit Update

Pat Ashley is finishing up the details of the County's 2014 Audit. He extends his apology for not being ready to present it tonight, but will be on the agenda for the September 8th Meeting.

Tax Digest

Mr. Field reported the tax digest had been received and approved by the Department of Revenue. The Tax Commissioner is moving forward on preparing tax bills and mailing them.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Old Business:

Public Transportation Update

Michael Erwin, the Operations Manager for the contractor handling the Ben Hill Transit System, was out of the office today; so Mr. Feild was not able to get the answers to the questions the Commission asked him. He stated he will speak with him tomorrow and provide a report by E-mail. He also said he will schedule either Michael Erwin or Tim Pinson to visit and discuss the program in detail with the Commission.

New Business:

Municipal Election Contract

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Municipal Election Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter, all voting for the motion.

SPLOST IGA Amendment

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to postpone SPLOST Inter-Governmental Agreement agenda item. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add ons: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk