

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2015 AT 10:00 AM 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.

Judicial Alternatives of GA Amendment to Probation Service Agreement

JAG Representative David McCall explained the reason for the \$5.00 increase to the Regular Probation Supervision fee. He stated Magistrate and Probate had already increased their fee in this area; but Superior Court was the only court that had not changed.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the amendment to Probation Service Agreement by changing the Regular Probation Supervision fee from \$30.00 to \$35.00. Commissioner Daniel Cowan second the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice Chairman OD Netter, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Magistrate/Lisa McCard

Judge Lisa McCard wanted the Commissioners consent for her to change the Magistrate bank account from Bank of America to Community Bank.

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

Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Development Authority Contract

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Development Authority contract that will reflect the \$1,221 budget increase and change the language to say not to exceed \$70,000. 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.

Cam Jordan/Blue & Gray Museum

Cam Jordan encouraged the Commissioners to get involved in the Sesquicentennial Celebration to be held on May 9, 2015. During the celebration they will present a play called *"A Civil End To An Uncivil War"*.

He stated during this celebration, they are using this opportunity to re-introduce the Blues Festival. He asked the Commissioners if Ben Hill County could contribute \$35,000 to help cover the cost of the entertainment.

He asked the Commissioners to contact him whenever they made a decision.

Executive Session/Pending Litigation

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voted for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to close Executive Session. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voted for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voted for the motion.

Commissioner Scott Downing made a motion to accept the proposal in the Darden Lawsuit of 40/60; but if not accepted 50/50. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Scott Downing, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chairman OD Netter all voted for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk