

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2015 AT 3:00 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Donna Prather	County Clerk
Frank Field	County Manager
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Philip Jay called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent.

USDA Grant/Elections

Elections Supervisor Cindi Dunlap stated she and Courtney Whitman found discrepancies while preparing the grant. The percentage she gave at the Regular Monthly was 25%; the corrected amount for the County will be 45%. The amount she reported for the grant was up to \$25,000 was incorrect. The amount of the grant is \$25,000. She also stated she have (4) four counties waiting to purchase (8) eight machines at \$600 that will bring in \$4,800 in revenue to help offset the County contribution. This will leave the County responsible for \$15,202.50.

After discussion by the Commissioners, Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve Ben Hill County 45% obligation for the USDA grant. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

County Roads Right of Ways/Southern Veneer

Vice President of Southern Veneer Tim Berrigan stated he is asking for the use of the county right of way on the old Delphi property to install a (4) four inch natural gas pipeline. He reported Southern Veneer pays approximately \$4,000,000 to Fitzgerald Water Light & Bond for gas and electricity a year. By installing the gas pipeline their energy cost would be reduced about \$2,000,000. He stated they really need to get their energy cost down in order to stay a competitive company.

Vice-Chairman OD Netter made a motion to approve Southern Veneer using the County

right of way on the old Delphi Property to install a (4) four inch natural gas pipeline, and the County Attorney Toni Sawyer prepare a resolution that will clarify the conditions of the agreement. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman OD Netter, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Meeting Ordinance

County Manager Frank Field discussed the possibility of modifying the meeting ordinance concerning public comments and decorum. Mr. Field would like for that complaints about individuals be submitted in writing and not verbally. Mr. Field stated if they consider modifying the ordinances, the language from the County Commissioners handbook is used.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer gave a copy of the Meeting ordinance to the Commissioners. After further discussion, the Commissioners postponed this agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk