

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2016 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Philip Jay	Chairman
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Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Comprehensive Plan

County Manager Frank Field reported the GA Department of Community Affairs has reviewed and approved the Draft of our Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Work Plan Update. The Draft has been posted on the county website for public review for over 2-months. The next step is to hold this Public Hearing to receive any final public comments; then approve the Plan at both Commission and Council meetings. The document will then be finalized.

A community member, Johnny Swain, called Cam Jordan, Ariel Godwin and I with comments about the Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan. He suggested the following additional issues be added:

- Ben Hill County/Fitzgerald needs more diversity among school teachers and administrators, police, and City and County employees.
- More economic development efforts need to be focused on African-American-owned businesses.

This is the only feedback I am aware of so far. This community member was not present at any of our meetings. I asked him to write down his thoughts, recommend strategies on how these things can be accomplished, and to present his ideas at this public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk