

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 05, 2016 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Philip C. Jay III	Chairman
Daniel Cowan	Vice-Chairman
Bennie Calloway	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 Steve O'Neal gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments To The Rules Of Order

No action was taken

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Public Comments:

Gudrun Mills reminded the Commissioners that the Board of Elections has not been reappointed and she doesn't understand why. She also stated the Election's Office is in a dilemma because the previous Office Manager has resigned and the current Manager doesn't have the training to run the office nor the elections like Kathleen.

Consent Items

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

1. Board of Health Appointment (Daniel Cowan)
2. Ocmulgee Water Trail Board Appointment (Damien Carver)
3. Phone System Upgrade- Joint RFP
4. EMS Budget Amendments
5. Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County Planning & Zoning Board Appointment (Chris Calhoun)
6. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments (Tony Adkison, Farise Taylor)
7. Zero Tolerance Policy/Ben Hill Transit

Old Business:

Presentation/OD Netter Jr.

This agenda item was postponed.

Elections Board Appointments

Commissioner Bennie Calloway nominated Rudolph Russell, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan nominated Berma Ridgeway; and Commissioner John Mooney nominated Dr. Tom Green for the Board of Elections.

New Business: NONE

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on March 3, 2016. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on March 7, 2016. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes held on March 8, 2016. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes held on March 22, 2016. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on March 31, 2016. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan left the meeting at this time.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Neesa Williams, gave an update of the activities at the Chamber of Commerce.

County Board Reports:

County Manager Frank Feild stated the Revolving Loan Fund Board approved a loan for Tammy Sewell in the amount of \$15,000 plus fees to relocate her upholstery business. This would be a 3-year note at 3.75% interest and secured by a property deed. Fees will include Attorney fees for preparing and filing a Quit Claim Deed, a Deed to Secure Debt, and a Loan Contract.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Fund note for Tammy Sewell in the amount of \$15,000 for 3-year at 3.75% interest and the note will be secured by a property deed. This loan is contingent upon completion of all legal documents. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion

County Manager's Report: NONE

Annexation Request:

County Manager Frank Feild informed the Commissioners of the property located on Ocilla Highway; formally Johnnies Drive In has been annexed into the City of Fitzgerald.

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

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