

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 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
Hope Harmon	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Reverend Gene Thomas 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

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

Public Comments: NONE

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes held on October 04, 2016. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes held on October 11, 2016. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes held on October 18, 2016. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports:

Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Development Authority

Executive Director Jason Dunn gave an update on all the activity of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Development Authority for the past months. He covered the growth for 2016 and the expectation for 2017.

Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Library

Library Director Martha Powers-Jones gave an update of all the activity at the Library. She gave all the Commissioners an informational packet and thanked them for their continual support.

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Frank Field reported the following:

2017 LMIG - Resurfacing

East Coast Asphalt was able to begin the 2017 LMIG resurfacing project early; and completed it in October. The project included 2.1 miles of Rhine Road, and 0.483 miles of Lonnie Brown Road.

2016 LMIG – Striping & Stop Bars

We held a bid opening on October 31st for the 2016 LMIG Striping and Stop Bars project; which include portions of Lulaville Rd., Platte Rd., Delta Rd., Snowden Rd., Rhine Rd., and Ten Mile Rd. The successful bidder was Peek Pavement Markings out of Columbus, GA with a bid of \$39,166.15. We forwarded the bid results to DOT, and they are processing a check for \$30,000. When we receive it, we will issue a Notice to Proceed. This work should be completed before the end of the year.

Dave Bishop, Sr., Oriole and Pine Level Church Crossings

DOT has received the estimates from CSX for the surface and signal work at both the Dave Bishop, Sr. and Pine Level Church crossings. They were \$268,311 and \$212,847 respectively. DOT is now getting fund allotments, and will submit the construction agreements to CSX for execution. DOT anticipates giving CSX the Authorization to proceed in January.

Development Authority of Ben Hill County

Chairman OD Netter gave an update of all activity of the Development Authority and the loan approval by the Revolving Loan Fund Board.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application:

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Bernice Tisdol/People's Choice Entertainment alcohol licenses. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Consent Items

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Chairman signing all documents for the 2016 CDBG Award and approve the submission of the 2018 5311 Rural Public Transportation Application and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

1. 2016 CDBG Award Documents

The County has been selected for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant for street improvements, flood & drainage facilities. This work will be done on St. John's Road and Ashton Way. DCA requires formal acceptance of the Statement of CDBG Award, the General Conditions, the Statement of Special Conditions and Revisions, as well as the Civil Rights Certification. We are also required to open a separate checking account for this grant; which Donna Prather has already done.

2. FY 2018 5311 Rural Public Transportation Application

County Manager Frank Field stated he has prepared an application to continue the 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program in FY 2018. This helps fund the Ben Hill Transit System. We are currently operating in FY 2017; which began on July 1st and ends on June 30th of next year. FY 2018 begins on July 1, 2017.

Old Business:

Dorminy Medical Center Confidentiality Agreement

Dorminy Medical Center has provided the County a signed Mutual Nondisclosure and Confidentiality Agreement; and has advised us that a data request is forthcoming.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated she reviewed the document and mentioned the information was very broad and should have had specific information. She stated she had given a copy of the letter to the Commissioners with her corrections typed in green.

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the amended Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement with Dorminy Medical Center and authorize the Chairman to sign the document. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Southern Veneer Pipeline

The County has been working with one of our local industries to help them grow and prosper. The Chairman has prepared a letter of intent and is asking the Commission for approval to send it to Southern Veneer.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the letter of support. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion. Commissioner Hope Harmon opposed the motion.

New Business:

P & R Waste Disposal Presentation

County Manager Frank Feild stated Brian Powers and Kevin Roscoe have started up a company called P & R Waste Disposal. They are requesting permission to operate in the unincorporated areas of the County. Mr. Feild asked them to make a presentation to the Commission about their company and business plan.

They were not present to make a presentation.

Revolving Loan Fund Approvals

Lorenzo McLaurin/Lorenzo's Custom Prints

Commissioner John Mooney made the motion to approve Lorenzo McLaurin Revolving Loan Fund loan. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Derek Wilson/Twisted X-Farms Inc.

Commissioner John Mooney made the motion to approve Derek Wilson Revolving Loan Fund loan. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Willie Prather/Shorty's Trucking

Commissioner John Mooney made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Willie Prather's truck title to release the lien. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, 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