

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 28, 2016 AT 3:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Philip C. Jay III	Chairman
Daniel Cowan	Vice-Chairman
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Amended 2016 Budget

County Manager Frank Field stated we have been focusing on decreasing the budget.

Commissioner Mooney stated this is the first step in the process to get where we need to be. This is a baseline for the reduction process. We are focusing on over time, hiring freeze, and a strict purchase order system.

Chairman Philip Jay stated we are looking at a hiring freeze and payroll freeze until the end of this year. He stated the freeze hiring has been in place but it was not being enforced. Mr. Jay also mentioned we might be looking at lay-offs.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to amend the 2016 Expenditure Budget to \$9,863,346.96. 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 John Mooney made a motion to approve a hiring freeze, (this applies to all new hires; including replacements and rehires) and a payroll freeze, (this applies to all employees) until the end of the budget year. 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.

Chairman Philip Jay thanked Commissioner John Mooney for his hard work during this process.

Chairman Philip Jay welcome newly elected Commissioner Hope Harmon aboard.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk