

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 30, 2016 AT 10:15 AM 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
Hope Harmon	Commissioner
Frank Field	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk
Toni Sawyer	County Attorney

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Resolution/Sheriff Bobby McLemore

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to postpone this agenda item until January 3, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting. 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.

2017 Proposed Budget

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the 2017 Proposed Budget as drafted and presented; Revenues at \$10,024,043 and Expenditures at \$9,636,540. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion.

Chairman Philip Jay called for question; but Commissioner John Mooney called for discussion.

Commissioner Mooney stated we are a long way from where we should be. He stated this budget is not right or feasible.

Commissioner Hope Harmon stated she agree with Commissioner Mooney. She stated she would like for the newly elected Chairman Steve Taylor to sit down with County Manager Frank Feild and the Department Head to review the budget and make the necessary changes.

The motion passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Chairman Philip Jay all voting for the motion. Commissioner John Mooney and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan opposed the motion.

2017 Proposed Special Account Budget

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Development Authority of Ben Hill County, Drug Abuse, E911, Jail Fund, Sheriff Forfeiture Account, and Special Investigation Account budgets as presented. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Executive Session/Personnel

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

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

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to deny the Victor McCrae claim. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voted for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney thanked Chairman Jay for his service as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan thanked Chairman Jay for his service. He stated they didn't always agree; but Chairman Jay did listen to him

Commissioner Hope Harmon stated she has been here a short while; but her and Chairman Jay didn't always agree on everything. She stated she looks forward to the other great things Chairman Jay will accomplish in the community and she thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated he and Chairman Jay has not agreed on everything but he has been fair. He stated one thing about Chairman Jay is he can take a licking and keep on ticking.

Chairman Philip Jay gave his final remarks.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk