

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MAY 12, 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.

Planning

County Manager Frank Feild stated he spoke with Turner County and Coffee County about their E911. He said he has a meeting with Coffee County next week.

Mr. Feild also reported he spoke with the City of Fitzgerald, at staff level, concerning hiring a professional consultant to do a Service Delivery Strategy Study and use the data to discuss SPLOST, LOST, etc. to make recommendations.

Mr. Field stated the auditors here and they are starting with the Courts and the Sheriff Department.

The Commissioners discussed purchasing an ad in the Georgia Trend magazine. The Commissioners committed to purchasing a half-page. The Commissioners asked County Manager Frank Field to work with the City of Fitzgerald to make this project happen.

The Commissioners discussed the concerns with the City of Fitzgerald regarding the Service Delivery Strategy. The Commissioners suggested Chairman Philip Jay and Commissioner John Mooney meeting with Mayor Massee and a Councilman to resolve the issues.

Commissioner John Mooney asked County Attorney Toni Sawyer about the Eddie Cotton lawsuit. Ms. Sawyer explained the circumstances surrounding the lawsuit. Commissioner Mooney asked Ms. Sawyer to resolve the issue and bring the lawsuit to a conclusion. Ms. Sawyer stated she would get with the council and resolve the lawsuit.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated the air condition deal made with the City of Fitzgerald for the Monitor Center has fallen through. He expressed the importance of having air in the building because of the people that rent the facility. County Manager Frank Feild suggested the Department of Leisure Services and the City of Fitzgerald come

up with the funds to purchase the air condition.

Meeting Adjourned

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk