

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 29, 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
OD Netter	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Service Delivery Strategy Update

County Manager Frank Feild gave an update on the Service Delivery Strategy. City of Fitzgerald Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan also addressed the changed that needed to be done to the format. This was requested by DCA. The Service Delivery Strategy was resubmitted on February 26, 2016. They both reported there were no changes to the information submitted.

Budget Update

Commissioner John Mooney stated he had done some research on the Board of Elections budget and compared it to seven other counties of like size and budget by using the Carl Vinson Institute website. He stated Ben Hill Elections budget was the highest out of the seven.

The Commissioners discussed the information that was provided. Commissioner Mooney said he thinks this is an opportunity to save Ben Hill County some money.

Monitor Improvement

County Manager Frank Feild reported that the City and County are collaborating on the improvements being done at the Monitor Center. There will be no general fund contributed but the county will allow the Maintenance Department to help with labor. City of Fitzgerald Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan provided a list of all improvements being done at the Monitor Center.

Cultural District

City of Fitzgerald Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan asked the Commissioners to commit the Federal Building by resolution to complete the Art District Campus and reallocate \$150,000 to the Downtown Development Authority from the Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Development Authority. Mr. Jordan suggested appointing a committee to see this project through to the end. He also stated now is the operative time to take the first step.

The Commissioners discussed the plan that was submitted by Mr. Jordan.

Courthouse Improvements

County Manager Frank Feild gave an update on the Courthouse improvements. Mr. Feild also asked for guidance on how to proceed.

The Commissioners discussed the issues the Courthouse possesses and how to get them resolved. Mr. Feild recommended having a long term plan to repair the Courthouse.

Change Calendar Year

The Commissioners discussed the benefits in changing the calendar year.

Employee Health Insurance

County Manager Frank Feild presented a draft copy of the health insurance for renewal in June 2016.

Mr. Feild also shared a draft copy of the resolution for the employee salary supplements. The Commissioners discussed the resolution and changes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk