

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 25, 2016 AT 10:00 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
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Wesley McCauley Discussion

Wesley McCauley explained to the Commissioners that he was a poll worker for the March 2016 Election. He gave an explanation of an encounter with then Acting Election's Supervisor Kathleen Searcy at Fitzgerald High School. He also explained an incident that occurred with a voter at the Arbor precinct that brought on the conversation between him and Ms. Searcy.

Mr. McCauley feels that the issue can be resolved by him receiving a letter of apology from the Ben Hill County government agency, preferably the Board of Elections and future employment be offered to him as a poll worker.

County Manager Frank Feild did give Mr. McCauley a letter of apology from Ben Hill County.

DLS Facilities

Commissioner John Mooney stated he received a complaint on the restrooms at Paulk Park. He stated he and Commissioner Daniel Cowan did visit Paulk Park to look at the facility for themselves. They discovered the door knob missing from the ladies restroom, spider webs, along with other cleaning that needed to be done.

Commissioner Mooney stated he had spoken with DLS Director Keith Morrison concerning the issues and Mr. Morrison told Commissioner Mooney to make a proposal.

Commissioner Mooney said he think we need to send a letter to DLS demanding a time frame on the necessary maintenance to improve the facilities.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan expressed his concerns about the production of the new DLS facility.

After further discussion, the Commissioners decided to invite DLS Keith Morrison to the next Regular Monthly Meeting to give them an update.

Development Authority of Ben Hill County

Commissioner Mooney stated all the Board Members terms have expired. He addressed the some concerns of the RLF Board and the Development Authority of Ben Hill County all being place under the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Development Authority. He mentioned the Boards would continue to be appointed by the Commissioners and right now he believed the funding for the open position has been cut to be included for savings in the amended budget.

Budget

The Commissioners discussed the proposed amended budget presented by County Clerk Donna Prather. They also discussed other ways of reducing the budget.

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein, Chief Appraiser Joyce Merritt, EMA Director Jason Miller, Sheriff Bobby Mclemore, and Elections Supervisor Keysa Pressley were in attendance at the meeting to share in on discussions concerning the budget cuts.

Meeting Adjourned

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk