

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 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
Hope Harmon	Commissioner
Frank Feild	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

2017 SPLOST

Chairman Philip Jay stated it is time to start deliberating on the 2017 SPLOST so they would know what to anticipate financially. The Commissioners also discussed potential projects to be included on the referendum.

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein, EMS Director mark Shealy, Sheriff Bobby Mclemore, and EMA Director Jason Miller explained their department needs the need to be included in the SPLOST.

County Manager Frank Feild mentioned Dorminy Medical Center is asking for an additional \$3,000,000 to do renovate the hospital. County Attorney Toni Sawyer stated the hospital can't use SPLOST funds to upgrade the hospital building because it doesn't belong to Ben Hill County.

Chairman Philip Jay stopped the Workshop at 10:48 to begin the Special Called Meeting.

Service Delivery Strategy

Chairman Philip Jay was requesting authorization to sign the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement. He stated he had already delivered a copy; but that copy was not signed.

Chairman Jay resumed the Workshop Meeting at 10:50 am.

Budget

County Manager Frank Feild stated he have 10 departments in compliance with their budget and 15 Departments that are out of compliance. He stated he has worked with the Tax Commissioner to decrease her budget by a small amount.

Mr. Feild stated he has done what could be done with the budgets and the only other thing to do is severally reduce operations and personnel cost to bring the budget into compliance. He also stated he wants to continue to work with the Departments.

Mr. Field also stated the Revenue side is where we need to be looking. He said names will be printed in the Herald Leader of all the 2016 tax bills that were returned undeliverable.

Mr. Field asked the Commissioners for guidance regarding the budget process.

Commissioner John Mooney stated the Commissioner must first evaluate the Revenues before hearing budget amendments.

Meeting Adjourned

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Pamela Turner, Acting County Clerk