

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 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**

County Manager Frank Field presented a proposed 2017 SPLOST projects to the Commissioners. The proposal was broken down in three categories and amounts; Joints Services Projects \$6.4 million, County Projects 8.615 million, and City Projects 4.3 million. He mentioned Mayor Mark Masee has reviewed the document, willing to move forward with this proposal, and ready to present it to City Council.

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan stated he has concern with the Grand Theater and Monitor Center in Joint Services projects.

Commissioner John Mooney stated he don't think that Economic Development can be involved in Road Projects. Commissioner Mooney also asked the County Equipment Project amount be changed from \$150,000 to \$850,000.

County Attorney Toni Sawyer state that neither Development Authority can do road projects.

Commissioner Hope Harmon stated she realizes Monitor belongs to the City of Fitzgerald and maintain by Recreation; but Monitor is in her district and an upgrade is needed for the auditorium and the gym.

Chairman Philip Jay III asked if Mr. Feild if there was any figures for the Appomattox Road project.

The Commissioners discussed in detail the T SPLOST and a Road Department SPLOST.

Mr. Field read the Commissioners suggestions of change back to the Commissioners to capture the Commissioners guidance to move forward.

**Budget**

County Manager Frank Feild presented a balanced expenditure budget to the Commissioners by using the fund balance to cover the overage. He also stated he has a list of all the citizens that owe back taxes. He is just waiting to put the list in the newspaper.

Commissioner John Mooney stated this is not what he was asking for. He wanted to see a line item budget for each Department and then fix the overages by budget amendments.

The Commissioners discussed the budget.

Meeting Adjourned

\_\_\_\_\_ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk