

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 02, 2016 AT 12:00 NOON 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
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

County Manager Frank Field was absent.

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda for November Regular Monthly Meeting.

2017 SPLOST

Commissioner John Mooney stated County Manager Frank Feild proposed draft total was \$13,791,000. He stated he want to look at a \$15,000,000 SPLOST so they could allocate an estimated \$1,100,000 to Economic Development.

Commissioner Mooney stated with Shaw Industries closing, it has made an impact in our community and there is nothing in place. The \$1,100,000 can be used to build a Speculative Building that will include food storage. Commissioner Mooney stated he would like for both Development Authorities to work together on this project; but the Commissioner need to take the lead on the use of the money. Another suggestion made was both Authorities can each present potential projects that would be approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated Ben Hill County and Fitzgerald need to come together. He said we need to know where we want to go in the future. Commissioner Calloway stated he hate to see the condition of Ben Hill County and Fitzgerald. Mr. Calloway also referenced the joint efforts of Coffee County and Douglas to bring industries to there community.

Chairman Philip Jay reference the Economic Development information listed in the Service Delivery Strategy. He also asked the Commissioners if they would like to add Executive Director Jason Dunn to the agenda to make a presentation.

The Commissioners discussed the 2017 SPLOST proposal item by item. The changes noted is \$1,100,000 for Economic Development, removing the marquee signs and replacing them with pitching machines, increasing Monitor Center repairs to \$500,000, and placing an asterisk beside the Police Department to note the renovations the building will need to change into courtrooms.

Meeting Adjourned

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk