

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 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 Field	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Philip Jay III called the meeting to order.

2017 SPLOST

Chairman Philip Jay asked the Commissioners for directions concerning the 2017 SPLOST. He stated he has two Commissioners that have indicated they are not supporting SPLOST as it is presented now.

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan stated this process has not been a negotiation with the City of Fitzgerald; but rather a dictation. Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated he is 85% satisfied with the 2017 SPLOST. Commissioner Hope Harmon expressed her concerns with the negotiations.

Commissioner John Mooney stated SPLOST is for critical capital improvement projects. Commissioner Mooney also stated if the Commissioners sign a SPLOST that will cause Ben Hill County to be under funded by \$2,000,000 we are not doing our job.

Commissioner John Mooney expressed his concerns with the future cost of the Courtroom renovations (Police Department), new jail roof, and the Dorminy Medical Center bond debt.

Chairman Philip Jay stated we have a timeline issue. He asked the each Commissioner to put together a package for SPLOST and email it to him and then he would email it to the City.

2017 Budget Meetings

County Manager Frank Field stated he is still fine tuning the numbers. He presented the Commissioners with an \$11,333,013 budget for revenues and expenditures.

The Commissioners discussed the revenue and expenditure draft that was presented. They ask County Manager Frank Field to prepare a line item budget for each department and

delete all grant funds that are listed in the revenue budget.
The next scheduled meeting will be December 20th at 10:00am.

Meeting Adjourned

_____ Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk