

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 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

Commissioner John Mooney presented a worksheet to all Commissioners that included two options to choose from. He stated he thought the five (5) year non IGA option was the best plan for the County because of the 20 % County wide benefit off the top to cover the roads, signs, and striping first and then the remaining funds to be divided up between the City and County by population.

The Commissioners discussed the options that were presented to them by Commissioner Mooney.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway suggested moving the Board of Election to the Department of Leisure Services building because it could be used as office space and a precinct.

Chairman Philip Jay stated he wants every Commissioner to be comfortable with the handout that was presented to them by Commissioner Mooney.

2017 Budget Meetings

County Manager Frank Field presented the Commissioners with a \$10,024,043 revenue budget. The Commissioners discussed the budget presented.

Commissioner John Mooney stated he asked Building and Zoning Clerk LaKisha Fleming for information regarding business licenses and permits. He stated there is no mechanism in place to make sure business owners are buying business license and he see a chance to increase revenue in that area.

Commissioner John Mooney also stated there is more revenue on the table that is not being pursued after. He mentioned Ben Hill County do not charge permit fee for Solid Waste, do

not charge the City for GCIC at E911. Mr. Mooney stated Ben Hill County has law on the books but have not enforced anything. He estimated collecting \$20,000 for Solid Waste permit and \$65,000 for GCIC at E911.

County Manager Frank Field presented \$9,826,889 budget for 2017 Expenditures. Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein issued handouts to the Commissioners that compared Ben Hill County to Cook County, Dade County, and Jefferson County financially and road miles because they match Ben Hill by population.

After further discussion, the Commissioners asked County Manager Frank Field to delete the Grand Conference Center and the Grand Theater from the 2017 budget.

The Commissioners also discussed employee Christmas bonus. They decided to give all full-time and part-time employees that work at least 30 hours a week \$250.00.

Meeting Adjourned

Philip C. Jay III, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk