

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 05, 2023 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Chairman Steve Taylor added agenda items Board of Election Appointments to Old Business, Surplus Resolution, and Employee Christmas Bonus to New Business.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda that included agenda items Board of Election Appointments, Surplus Resolution, and Christmas Bonus. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on November 07, 2023. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Appointments: NONE

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported:

- Working on the budget. Each Commissioners have been given a budget for their review.
- The Public Hearing for the budget is scheduled for December 20th and the Special Called Meeting has been scheduled for December 28th to adopt the budget.
- All ads are scheduled to run in the December 13th edition of The Herald Leader.
- Close to finishing the 4-H Office.
- Working on Ed Ward Road. We are waiting for Fitzgerald Utilities to sign an easement.

Annexation Request/Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

Election Board Appointments/Thelma Graham & Danny Young

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Thelma Graham and Danny Young to the Board of Elections. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

New Business:

Language Access Plan (LAP) Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Language Access Plan Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute the document. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Surplus Property Resolution/EMS

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Surplus Property Resolution. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Christmas Bonus

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses for full-time employees of \$100 and part-time employees \$50 in accordance with the guidelines. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk