

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **December 2nd, AT 6:00 PM** IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSISONER MEETING ROOM LOCATED
AT 321 DEWEY MCGLARMRY ROAD.

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Hal Wiley	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
John Mooney	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Hampton Raulerson	County Manager
Pamela D. Turner	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Hal Wiley called the meeting to order

Commissioner Bennie Calloway gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley, all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on November 4th 2025. Vice- Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes that was held on November 20th, 2025. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: None

Department Head Reports: None

County Board Reports: None

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Hampton Raulerson reported on the Flint Road project being all most completed once the Contractor establishes the vegetation on the sides of the road.

Annexation Request/ Notification: None

Alcohol Application: None

Appointments: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution to Adopt FY2026 Proposed Budget

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt FY 2026 proposed budget as presented in the amount of \$12,461,745 in revenue and expenditures. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

FY2025 Budget Amendment Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the 2025 Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund 100 Expenditures. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses for full-time employees of \$100.00, and part-time \$50, (excluding Elected Officials and County Manager) in accordance with the guidelines. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

2026 Holiday Calendar

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the 2026 holiday calendar. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Workers Compensation Proposal

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve ACCG Workers Compensation proposal. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Resolution Declaring County Property as Surplus and Authorizing The Disposal of Said Real Property

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring County Real Property as Surplus and Authorizing The Disposal of Said Property located at 405 E. Altamaha Street. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Resolution To Approve and Authorize A Partial Guaranty of a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan of The Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve and authorize a partial guaranty of the GEFA loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 on behalf of Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Consider Quote for Tractor Purchase/Road Department

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the quote from Tidewater Ag & Construction Company for a 2022 Case-brand tractor equipped with a Tiger side-arm mower in the amount of \$207,000.00. 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 Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Memorandum Of Option and Ground Lease Agreement with Ben Hill County and Crown Towers

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve memorandum of Option and ground lease agreement with Ben Hill County and Crown Towers. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session: NONE

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Hal Wiley stated he had the opportunity to have dinner with Czech Republic Ambassador one of the highest-ranking officials, this was something that Jason Dunn worked on.

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Hal Wiley, Chairman

_____ Pamela D. Turner, County Clerk