

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **FEBRUARY 3RD 2026, AT 6:00PM** IN 4H AND BEN HILL COUNTY EXTENSION
SERVICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 321 DEWEY MCGLAMRY RD

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Hal Wiley	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Hampton Raulerson	County Manager
Deanna Griffin	Acting County Clerk

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent

Call to Order

Chairman Hal Wiley called the meeting to order

Chairman Hal Wiley gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments to add 2025 SAP LMIG Bid and 2026 Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley 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 January 1/06/2026. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

4H Director Hunt Sanders reports as follows:

- The new agent for 4H Extension Office Devan Godbee who is a ABAC graduate will start February 4th 2026.
- There are 28 kids in the DPA this year.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Hampton Raulerson reported on HB 581, the goal is to reach a 100% homestead.

To create a new sales tax, County, City and School Board.

The Budget will require a 3% increase; this is learning experience for everyone involved.

Annexation Request/Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to reappoint. Thelma Graham to the Board of Elections. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Ratify Qualifying Fees for County Offices During 2026 Elections

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to Ratify the Qualifying Fees for County Offices During 2026 Elections. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion

Resolution Authorizing The Ben Hill County Volunteer Fire Department To Apply For Funding Through A Direct Congressional Spending Request to Purchase Two Fire Engines

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing The Ben Hill County Volunteer Fire Department To Apply For Funding Through A Direct Congressional Spending Request to Purchase Two Fire Engines. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Public Adjuster Contract

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

2025 SAP LMIG Bid

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve 2025 SAP LMIG Bid original bid from MidState Striping in the amount of \$241,049.00. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

2025 SAP LMIG Bid

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve 2025 SAP LMIG Bid alternate bid from MidState Striping in the amount of \$296,919.00 of Said Property. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Joint Ben Hill County Comprehensive Plan Update

Vice-chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Joint Ben Hill County Comprehensive Plan Update. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported on the ACCG webinar on all the Resolutions that are taking place.

Eggs & Issues, someone from the Senator office will be coming to see how we use ARP money.

Executive Session:

Commissioner's Remarks:

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Hal Wiley, Chairman

_____ Deanna Griffin, Acting County Clerk