

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **July 7th, 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
Pamela D Turner	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Hal Wiley called the meeting to order

Commissioner Chairman Hal 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 changes to add Flint Road repair bids under new business and to change District Attorney to Public Defender Office. Commissioner Daniel seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, 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 June 2nd, 2026. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Called Meeting minutes that was held on June 11th, 2026. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Public Hearing

➤ *Special Exception 189 Tanner Cemetery Road*

Jake Hughes Building and Zoning Director stated that this is a single chair Salon that will be in a separate building from the home. This is allowed by special exception in General Farming and there is no conflict. Being that this will be a single chair appointment only, there will not be a lot of traffic.

There were no Public Comment

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to close Public Hearing and enter Regular Monthly Meeting. 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.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Jake Hughes EMA Director stated that Code Red our weather notification system stop working over a year ago. Code Red has not sent out a notification to anyone since April of last year. When Code Red updated the system, no one was able to log into the system We are now Hyper-Reach; we should be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Our Code Red information will be migrated into the new system, so that there will be minimum need to sign up, it will only be for new people. Now we are required by Federal Law to test our system every month. We will be sending out information concerning this change.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway enters the meeting

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

- Dixie Mill Pond and Pine Level Church Road are still unopen to traffic
- Road crew working on Pine Level Road this road should be open by the end of the week.
- Dixie Mill Pond Road will require more work, it received substantial damage
- Bid openings will start on August 18 for LMIG projects
- Road crew is catching up on grading work and there are some roads that are passable

Annexation Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application:

Tri County Seafood Shell Shack

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Alcohol Application for Tri County Seafood Shell Shack. 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 for the motion.

Appointments:

Vice Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to reappoint Joyce Jenkins to Ben Hill County Department of Family and Children Services. 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.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Special Exception-189 Tanner Cemetery Road

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Special Exception for 189 Tanner Cemetery Road for single chair Salon. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Resolution Declaring and Authorizing the Disposal of Said Property

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring and Authorizing the Disposal of Said Property. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Public Defender FY 2026-2027 Budget and Contract

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Public Defender FY 2026-2027 Budget and Contract. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Flint Road Repair Bids

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve Flint Road repairs using Griffin Grading and Concrete LLC in the amount of \$105,847. 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.

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon mentions that Nathan Fountain our Road Department Superintendent, and his crew have been getting positive feedback on how they have been quickly getting on top of things.

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Hal Wiley, Chairman

_____ Pamela D. Turner, County Clerk