

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
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 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 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 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.

Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon made a motion to close Regular Monthly Meeting and enter Public Hearing. 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 on the motion.

**Public Hearing-Road Abandonments**

- Section of Ed Ward Road
- Fussell Cemetery Road

County Manager Hampton Raulerson reported that the section of Ed Ward Road and Fussell Cemetery Road of its entirety, both have been advertised in the paper for two weeks.

## **Public Comment**

Robert Pridgen of 689 Eagle Road Wray Georgia stated that it would cost thousands to fix the road, he and his dad constantly have to pull out drivers who get stuck on Fussell Cemetery Road. He is for fixing or closing the road.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to close Public Hearing and enter Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

## **Constitutional Officer: NONE**

## **Department Head Reports:**

Richard Dunagon EMS Director of Ameripro reported that on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, they attended Region 8 Awards Banquet, at the Banquet Ben Hill EMS Personnel received 10 lifesaving awards.

**Carlos Lopez-3**

**Grant Brown-2**

**Kathy Poole-2**

**RJ Gallagler-1**

**Mattie Byrd-1**

**Allie Smith-1**

## **County Board Reports:**

County Manager Hampton Raulerson reported that the Solid Waste Authority GEFFA loan application for closing the landfill was approved, will be receiving documentation soon.

## **County Manager's Report:**

County Manager Hampton Raulerson reported:

- Order 2 vehicles one for EMA/ Code Enforcer a Ford Ranger and Tax Assessor a Maverick, both departments current vehicle have serious issues.
- Monitor Playground has been installed; rubber surface should be going in the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Perry House Road has been resurfaced, much smoother and safer to drive. Stripping should be done by the end of the week.
- Tire Amnesty Event that was held in May was a success, collecting 4,173 tires

## **Annexation Notification: No Action Required**

**Rezoning Application: NONE**

**Alcohol Application: NONE**

## **Appointments:**

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Jason Miller and Dennis Crook to Ben Hill Planning and Zoning Commission. 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.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to submit Stephen Thombly, Amy Taylor and Stewart Carswell to Ben Hill County Hospital Authority. 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.

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

*Abandonment Road- Section of Ed Ward Road*

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to abandon the section of Ed Ward Road that is in the Exhibit. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

*Abandonment Entire Road- Fussell Cemetery Road*

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to abandon the entire Fussell Cemetery Road that is in the Exhibit. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

*Ratify- BHC Proclamation Mental Health Awareness Month*

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt BHC Proclamation Mental Health Awareness Month for the Month of May. 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 for the motion.

*2026-2027 ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Proposal*

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to authorize the Chairman to renew 2026-2027 Property & Liability insurance with ACCG. 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.

*Personnel policy Manual Changes*

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy Changes to include the Appeal Procedures, Leave Policy, and Acceptable Use Policy. 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.

*ACCG 401(a) and 457(b) Retirement Plan Fee Schedule*

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve ACCG 401(a) and 457(b) Retirement Plan Fee Schedule. 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 for the motion.

Ratify-Employee Medical Insurance

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Employees Medical Insurance with ICHRA. 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.

*Employees Anthem Dental and Vision Plan*

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve renewing Anthem Dental and Vision Plan for employees. 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 for the motion.

**Legislative Report: NONE**

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Executive Session**

**Commissioner's Remarks: NONE**

**Meeting adjourned.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hal Wiley, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Pamela D. Turner, County Clerk