

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **September 8th, 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 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 Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, 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 August 4th, 2026. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes that was held on August 13th, 2026. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported:

- Library Board meets every three months
- From July 1st -June 30th, 2026- Patrons Served 31,493
- Total Circulation 21,680
- Internet and Wi-Fi Used- 30, 347
- Meeting and Study Room Usage-2.338
- Program Attendance-1,907

Everything is going well at the Library

County Manager's Report:

- We were awarded a million dollars for our 2026 CBDG project of paving Eastside Church Road and East Road
- Paving will start late 2027
- We will be attending the 2026 CDBG Conference this month in Valdosta Georgia for the award ceremony, updating and educational on compliance reporting

Annexation Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Resolution By The Ben Hill County Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing The Disposal of Said Property

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

Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The Department of Transportation For A Grant

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to Authorize The Resolution For Southern Georgia Regional Commission on the behalf of Ben Hill County To File An Application With The Department of Transportation For A Grant. 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.

2026 LMIG/LRA Bid

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve East Coast Asphalt bid of \$838,159.12 to resurface Frank Road, Grace Ave, Sunflower Road, Newcomer Trail, Lucille Lane, Meadowlark Lane and Hampton Court. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion

Quote From Yancey Caterpillar for a 420XE Backhoe

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the purchase of the 420XE Backhoe in the amount of \$160,126 from Yancey Caterpillar. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Quotes For Dump Trucks

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the purchase of a 6-wheel Freightliner dump truck for \$121,358.00 and a 10-wheel Perterbilt in the amount of \$179,115.00. 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

Appoint 2026 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Hope Harmon as the 2026 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Commissioner Bennie Calloway wanted to know the process of getting a road pave.

- CDBG Grant Application
- CDBG looks for demographic the number of people served, extra points for minorities and under privileged
- Must meet threshold of low to moderate income either 70% or 80%

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Hal Wiley, Chairman

_____ Pamela D. Turner, County Clerk