

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 06, 2019 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on July 02, 2019. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting held on July 25, 2019. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster reported the Tax Digest was approved today and the tax bills will be mailed out by the end of the month. The next property tax sale is scheduled for September 3rd. Mr. Foster stated the law has changed; therefore the tax sale no longer has to be held on the Courthouse steps. The sale will be held in the Commissioner's meeting room. The next scheduled mobile home sale is November 5th.

Commissioner John Mooney entered the meeting.

Department Head Reports:

4H Agent Geri Gelliland gave an update on activity regarding the Ag Agent and 4-H.

Magistrate Judge Lisa McCard gave a report on all cases and fines for January thru July.

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein reported they were approved for \$339,120.90 by the Safety Act Program for stripping and signing of 66 miles. This project will include 26 roads.

Mr. Kegebein also reported East Coast Paving will begin the 2019 LMIG paving in two weeks. The road project will consist of Blackshear, Paulk Park, Franklin Avenue, part of Roanoke Drive West, and part of Walker Avenue.

Mr. Kegebein stated they are behind on mowing because the mower is currently being repaired.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated:

- ❖ The finance is holding strong. We haven't borrowed any TAN.
- ❖ The audit is close to being finished. In the next two weeks we will have a better idea of where we are.
- ❖ The Sheriff Department computers are up and running.
- ❖ He hopes everyone can tour E911 after the meeting.

Annexation Request:

Mr. Dinnerman stated the City of Fitzgerald sent a notification for annexation for property located on Anderson Memorial and 114 Ostrich Road and the Public Road Right of Way adjacent to it. The property will also be rezoned from Mobile Home Park (MHP) County to Heavy Industrial (HI) City

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Hospital Authority Board Member Stephen Pair reported the hospital is doing good and they are pleased with the progress. He gave an operational and financial report. He also gave handouts to the Commissioners that included the operational and financial details.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Surplus Property Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Resolution. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voted for the motion.

2019 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Hope Harmon as the 2019 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate for Ben Hill. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chair Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Hospital Authority Board Appointment

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to submit Lawton Lovett, Scott Spivey, and Quincy Frank Gilleland names to the Hospital Authority to fill a vacancy. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported they have been meeting regarding the census and the complete count committee.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Steve Taylor reminded everyone the September Regular Monthly Meeting date has been changed from the 3rd to the 10th due to Labor Day.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk