

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MAY 23, 2019 AT 9:30 AM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

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

USDA Grants

Commander Chris Stephens thanked the Commissioners for their support of the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grants. Commander Stephens introduced the USDA Representatives Marcella Little and Linda Westberry.

Marcella Little proceeded to read the letter of condition to the Commissioners. This letter establishes conditions which must be understood and agreed to before voting to accept the grants for the seven projects.

Sheriff Lee Cone expressed his gratitude for the grants. He also expressed how vital the equipment and vehicles are to the Sheriff Department.

Ms. Little stated each grant had to be accepted individually.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for a criminal investigation van to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$16,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$29,713. The total cost of the project is \$45,713. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 24 computers to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department, the Jail, and 911 Dispatcher Center not to exceed \$25,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$51,992. The total cost of the project is \$76,992. 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.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 30 tasers, 25 locking shotgun/rifle racks, and 2 forensic light sources to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$25,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$68,000. The total cost of the project is \$93,000. 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.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for a dump truck to be used by the Ben Hill County Road Department not to exceed \$24,800 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$46,135. The total cost of the project is \$70,935. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 2 patrol vehicles to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$20,100 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$37,466. The total cost of the project is \$57,566. 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.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 2 patrol vehicles to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$25,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$49,300. The total cost of the project is \$74,300. 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.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 27 in-vehicle/portable radios to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$25,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$50,600. The total cost of the project is \$75,600. 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

Steve Taylor, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk