

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 AT 11:00 AM IN THE  
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

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

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent.

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order.

**Rodeo Special Exception**

County Attorney Virginia Hall stated she was asked to look at adding requirements and penalties to the Rodeo Special Exception by the Commissioners. Ms. Hall said the requirements and penalties need to be addressed in an ordinance and not added to the Special Exception because the Special Exception addresses whether a rodeo can be held on the land and the ordinance will address the requirements and penalties for special events.

After discussing Ms. Hall's recommendation, County Manager Michael Dinnerman asked her to create an ordinance. Once an ordinance is in place, the Commissioners will vote on the Special Exception.

**Salary Study**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman gave the Commissioners a copy of the Salary Study that was done by Condrey & Associates. Mr. Dinnerman explained to the Commissioners how to read the Salary Study and stated he would like the Commissioners to review the findings and let him know how they would like to proceed.

**Neighborhood Watch**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported citizens that live in the area of a recent crime has contacted him about putting up neighborhood watch signs. Mr. Dinnerman stated Commissioner Hope Harmon has been working with Sheriff Lee Cone and Police Chief Bill Smallwood on establishing legitimate neighborhood watch organizations throughout the County.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman also stated for those citizens that are currently requesting signs the requirements are; they must have an organization name and provide two names and numbers that are apart of the organization. Once the requirements are met the organization is given to two free signs in which the County would be responsible for installing them on the designated property. The organization will be responsible for purchasing any additional signs other that the ones given; however, the County will install them as well.

The Commissioners discussed the circumstances and asked questions regarding Neighborhood Watch programs. Mr. Dinnerman stated that the above-mentioned requirements will be the procedure to follow for Neighborhood Watch organizations requesting signs to be placed on properties until he and Commissioner Hope Harmon develop a program.

### **Sale of Mobley Bluff**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated he would like to put Mobley Bluff on the market to sale. Mr. Dinnerman said he has already had the land surveyed. The Commissioners discussed the idea of selling Mobley Bluff through sealed bids.

### **Elections Building/115 W. Pine Street**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated he would like permission to put the Elections building located at 115 W. Pine Street on the market to sale. The Commissioners discussed the idea of selling the building located at 115 W. Pine Street through sealed bids.

### **ACCG Defined Contribution Plan for Employees**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman presented a handout to the Commissioners that he received from GebCorp Representative Ron Rowe regarding retirement options for employees. Mr. Dinnerman asked the Commissioners to give thought as to what Defined Benefit plan they would want for employees.

### **Direct Deposit**

Chief Finance Officer Darlow Maxwell discussed the benefit of all employees using direct deposit. Mr. Maxwell stated Colony Bank Corp is willing to provide a checking account for all employees without a monthly fee. This will save the County about \$800 in supplies. This will also eliminate outstanding checks.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated he is asking for permission to implement this by the first of the year.

The Commissioners discussed the benefit of having all employees use direct deposit.

The meeting was adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Taylor, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk