

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 05, 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman called the meeting to order.

Pastor Terry Cole gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on February 05, 2019. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

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

Public Hearing

Rezoning Application/Louis & Brenda Edwards Rezone 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy property from G-F County to C-C County

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comments regarding Louis & Brenda Edwards request to rezone 3.64 acres located at 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy property from G-F County to C-C County.

Chairman Steve Taylor opened the floor for the public to address the rezoning request.

OD Netter stated he has been working with Mr. Edwards for a year. Mr. Netter asked the Commissioners about considering a special exception for Mr. Edwards if they were not going to vote to rezone the property as requested.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated this Public Hearing was about rezoning the property and not a special exception and he would like to stick to the purpose intended.

There was no opposition regarding the request.

County Attorney Nick Kinsley stated the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone the property to C-C and once the Auto Sales business is gone the property would revert back to G-F can't be done as recommended. Once the property is rezoned, the owners would need to come back before the board to rezone the property back to G-F because there is nothing to substantiate the property being reverted back once the Auto Sales is no longer in business.

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

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated he is proud to report we have gone live with the E911 new equipment. They are working out a few glitches; but overall everything is working great.

Mr. Dinnerman stated Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein and employees continues to clean up the Road Department and he is very appreciative for their hard work.

Mr. Dinnerman stated the finances are in excellence shape.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: *Louis & Brenda Edwards Rezone 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy property from G-F County to C-C County*

The Commissioners discussed the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and remarks made by County Attorney Nick Kinsley regarding the property reverting back to G-F once the Auto Sales is no longer in business.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to table the agenda item until the Planning and Zoning Commission could meet with council regarding their recommendation.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Vice-Chair Hope Harmon all voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway opposed the motion.

Alcohol Application: NONE

Consent Items: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Potential Conflict of Interest Notice FY 2019 CDBG

The County Commission discussed applying for 2019 Community Development Block Grant funding for the Monitor Enrichment Center improvements on Monitor Drive. It was noted that Commissioner Hope Harmon son attends the Monitor Enrichment Program where improvements are scheduled to take place.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon read into the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting on March 5, 2019 of the County Commission a statement fully and publicly disclosing the conflict of interest. I, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, will take no part in any future deliberations, decisions, or voting of the Commission with respect to the FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant for Public Facility Improvement project for Monitor Enrichment Program because my son attends the program.

Submittal Resolution for FY 2019 CDBG Application

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Resolution to submit a joint application with the City of Fitzgerald to obtain FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant funds for public facility improvements to the Monitor Enrichment Center. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voted for the motion. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon abstained from discussion and vote.

Lady Canes Basketball Proclamation

Chairman Steve Taylor presented the Lady Canes Basketball team and coaches with a Proclamation for their outstanding achievements for their 2018-2019 season with a record of 27-1.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk