

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JULY 25, 2019 AT 6:30 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

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

Commissioner Daniel Cowan was absent.

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

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion: which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon entered the meeting.

Public Hearing/Proposed Millage Rate

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public concerns regarding the proposed millage rate at 16.581%. Mr. Dinnemran stated everything was properly advertised and all bases have been covered.

No public comments.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to close the Public Hearing and re-enter into the Special Called Meeting. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion: which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Proposed Millage Rate

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to accept the School Board millage rate at 18.039%, to adopt the official rate for Ben Hill County at 16.581% for unincorporated and incorporated, approve the Tax Levy Resolution, and to authorize the Chairman to sign all documents. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion all voting for the motion.

Special Exception for an Animal Rescue/Kennel in a General Farming Zoning District

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Exception for an Animal Rescue/Kennel in a General Farming Zoning District on property located at 160 Iris Road. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Coastal Plain Head Start Center Lease Agreement

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Coastal Plain Head Start Lease Agreement. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

September Meeting Date

Chairman Steve Taylor stated the September Regular Monthly Meeting is the day after Labor Day. Mr. Taylor and Commissioners discussed changing the September Regular Monthly Meeting date.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to change the September Regular Monthly Meeting Date to September 10th. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk