

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 06, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Hope Harmon	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan was absent.

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 John Mooney made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on October 02, 2018. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes held on October 25, 2018. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster gave an update on how he is handling the return to sender mail for the 2018 taxes, the collection rate for 2017 taxes is 98%, and the DRIVES equipment is installed and training with the Department of Revenue will begin at the first of the year.

Department Head Reports:

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

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein gave an update on Hurricane Michael storm damage. He thanked everyone that joined in and helped the Road Department clean up debris. He stated they are working hard to clean up as much as possible within the first 30 days because GEMA reimburse back at a higher rate for those days. He stated every road is open.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported the following:

- He and Finance Director Darlow Maxwell are working on the budget and they are close to completion for review.
- He is confident we will have a good year financially and he believes the fund balance will look even better.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Consent Items: NONE

Appointments:

Hospital Authority Chair Vanessa Melton, Dorminy Medical Center CEO Stacie Mims, Dorminy Medical Center CFO Paige Wynn gave an update on all the positive activity happening at Dorminy Medical Center. Ms. Mims stated they have been focusing on growth and the hard work has paid off through the Senior Behavioral Health Services, Oncology Department reopening, Lab Outreach, and adding six additional primary care providers. The increase in the use of these services by the public has caused Dorminy Medical Center to exceed budget targets. The ladies stated they are super excited about the positive changes happening at Dorminy Medical Center.

Old Business:

Board Appointments

Chairman Steve Taylor stated board appointments are needed for the Department of Family and Children Services, Hospital Authority, and the Library Boards. He encouraged the Commissioners to keep the appointments in mind.

New Business: N

Board Appointment Application

Chairman Steve Taylor stated the Commissioners have been presented with the Board Appointment application. He stated the reasoning behind the application is to include more people and to gather more information regarding the applicant so that there is no conflict of interest.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Board Appointment application. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Chairman Taylor asked the Commissioners to begin using the application immediately for the Department of Family and Children Services, Hospital Authority, and the Library Boards appointments that are needed.

2020 5311 Transit Program Application

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to authorize RMS to apply for an FTA Section 5311 grant to aid in the operation of the Ben Hill County Transit Program for FY 2020 on behalf of Ben Hill County. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Declaration of Local Emergency Resolution/Ratify

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to ratify the Declaration of Local Emergency Resolution. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion which passed with; Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Revolving Loan Fund

Bingham Gold Pine Straw, Inc.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Julie Wright collateral swap of a freightliner truck and two trailers. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the title to release the lien off the freightliner truck. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Arising Industries

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Arising Industries loan in the amount of \$100,000 at 3.75% interest for seven years to purchase an electrostatic painting system that is only to be used in Ben Hill County. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Advertise for Public Sale

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to authorize a public for Shorty's Trucking freightliner and trailer and Pickin' Post miscellaneous items. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Revolving Loan Fund Board Chairman OD Netter stated Fat Daddy's business has closed; but they are still making payments. He also mentioned in January, the Revolving Loan Fund Board will begin working on making some changes to the policies.

Discussion of E911

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated when he first got hired he was commissioned with finding another home for E911. Mr. Dinnerman stated he thinks it will be best to take our E911 and revamp it. He is currently speaking with a consultant on equipment price, security, and the building. An ad is currently being run in the local newspaper advertising for an E911 Director. Anyone including the current director can apply for the position.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Steve Taylor commended the Ben Hill County Community for working together during Hurricane Michael.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk