

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON AUGUST 07, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE  
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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

Commissioner Bennie Calloway 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 Hope Harmon made a motion to add ACCG Voting Delegate and Airport Ground Lease under New Business. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

**Acceptance of Prior Minutes**

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on July 10, 2018. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on July 26, 2018. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes held on July 30, 2018. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

**Constitutional Officer: NONE**

**Department Head Reports:**

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

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein reported the Road Department is behind on ditching due to the weather and they are doing everything they can to keep the roads drivable. He stated hopefully next week Appomattox Road will reopen.

**County Board Reports: NONE**

**County Manager's Report:**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported the following:

- The E911 building roof is replaced and should be completed by Friday.
- Someone shot the window out at the Tax Commissioner's Office Tuesday night. The window has been repaired.
- He and Finance Director Darlow Maxwell are working on the budget and will present it in three weeks.

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Application: NONE**

**Alcohol Application: Save-A-Step Food Mart**

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Save-A-Step Food Mart application for retail beer license. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

**Consent Items: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

**Department of Family & Children Services Board Appointments**

***Charles Hall***

Chairman Steve Taylor stated that Charles Hall is no longer willing to serve on the board and the Commissioners need to start thinking about nominations for the vacancy.

***Rick Bostelman***

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to reappoint Rick Bostelman to the DFAC Board. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voted for the motion.

**September Regular Monthly Meeting Date**

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to change the Regular Monthly Meeting Date from September 4<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voted for the motion.

**2018 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate**

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hope Harmon as the 2018 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate for Ben Hill. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voted for the motion.

**Airport Ground Lease**

Commissioner Hope Harmon made a motion to support the recommendation of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Airport Commission to renew the Airport Ground Lease with RMI Air LLC for a period of five (5) years beginning January 2019. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan.

**Agenda Changes and/or add on:**

**Legislative Report:**

Commissioner Hope Harmon reported the ACCG Policy Committees has begun to meet. Ms. Harmon encourage each Commissioner by saying all officials are welcome to attend the meetings and are both strongly encouraged and welcomed to provide their input into the group’s discussions. She also stated she and County Manager Michael Dinnerman attended the Mental Health Summit in Macon.

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Executive Session**

**Commissioner’s Remarks:**

Chairman Steve Taylor congratulated Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan for winning the 9-10 year old age group State Championship.

Chairman Steve Taylor thanked Commissioner Hope Harmon for the successful community back pack give away.

Chairman Steve Taylor thanked Tim Kegebein for his continued work to maintain roads.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported he and Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein met with Department of Natural Resources regarding the boat ramp at the County Landing.

**Meeting adjourned**

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

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