

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 02, 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
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Hope Harmon	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order.

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on September 11, 2018. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster gave an update on the mobile home tax sale, he stated the 2018 tax bills have been mailed, and the citizens have already begun to pay their taxes. Mr. Foster stated he and his staff goal is to finish this year strong.

Department Head Reports: NONE

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 a final budget.
- He was receiving letters from members of the Union Baptist Church requesting the paving of Union Cemetery Road and Seminole Road. Mr. Dinnerman explained the

cost to pave the roads and stated Ben Hill County is not financially able to pave the roads.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Consent Items: NONE

Old Business:

Special Exception/Version Cell Tower

Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan made the motion to approve the Special Exception for the cell tower to be placed at 120 Ohio Road. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney.

Library Board Appointment and Vacancy

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Sherry Sue Davis to the Library Board. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Chairman Steve Taylor asked the Commissioners to be thinking about nominees to replace Marsha Stembridge because her term has expired and she do not wish to continuing serving on the Board.

Surplus Property Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Surplus Property Resolution. Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

New Business: NONE

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report:

Chairman Steve Taylor stated they will be attending the Legislative Conference at Jekyll Island October 10th.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to enter into Executive Session for pending litigation. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to close Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Hope Harmon, Vice-Chairman Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner's Remarks:

Commissioner Bennie Calloway state he was approached about the local dialysis office closing. He was asked if the Commissioners could reopen the facility in Fitzgerald.

Chairman Steve Taylor thanked the County for their participation in the Christian Kitchen fundraiser. He stated he received a letter from Chairman Vanessa Melton needing appointments for the Hospital Authority Board. Chairman Taylor stated they Commissioners will have a work session this month.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk