

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON AUGUST 04, 2020 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon 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 as presented. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, 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 held on July 07, 2020. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting held on July 30, 2020. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, 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:

- The LOST Revenue are up \$39,000 year-to-date and \$14,127 for the month.
- The SPLOST Revenue are up \$75,939 year-to-date and \$29,198 for the month.
- LMIG is down \$54,000 from the prior year

- Cares Act: The Federal Government gave money to the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia allocated \$420,000 to the County. These funds will be distributed in three phases. We have received the first phase in the amount of \$126,000. We will have to submit expense documentation to justify the need for the money.
- July cash balance is \$1.6 million ahead of last year this time.

**Annexation Request: NONE**

**Rezoning Application: NONE**

**Alcohol Application: NONE**

**Appointments: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

*Fitz-Ben Hill DLS Board Reappointment/ Jennifer Shoultz*

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Jennifer Shoultz to the Fitzgerald Ben Hill Department of Leisure Service Board. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway and voting for the motion.

*Surplus Property Resolution Ratify/ Modular Building located at 514 S. Grant Street*

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the vote for the Surplus Property Resolution for the Modular Building located at 514 S. Grant Street. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway and voting for the motion.

*The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension MOU*

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the MOU with the University of Georgia for the Cooperative Extension Office. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

*GDOT Roundabout Lighting Assistance MOU/ SR 90 and Lower Rebecca Road*

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the MOU with GDOT for the Roundabout Lighting Assistance for SR 90 and Lower Rebecca Road and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents pending County Manager Michael Dinnerman research regarding the possibility of the County sharing the cost of the lights with the City. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

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

**Legislative Report: NONE**

**Public Comments:**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated August 2<sup>nd</sup> marked his 3-year anniversary of employment with Ben Hill County. He stated it has been a joy and a privilege to work for the Commissioners.

Chairman Steve Taylor stated he appreciate the work Mr. Dinnerman does.

**Executive Session**

**Commissioner's Remarks:**

Chairman Steve Taylor stated he has been attending the Emergency Infectious Disease Taskforce meeting via teleconference every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. The meetings are very informative and they are updated on what is going on regarding COVID-19.

Chairman Taylor also stated he received a letter from the City of Fitzgerald Deputy Administrator Kathy Young thanking EMA Director Brandon Fletcher for his dedication and hard work in our community

**Meeting adjourned**

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

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