

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2020 AT 11:00 AM 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.

**Presentation/Marton Kozma**

Marton Kozma, President of Modern Dispersion South Inc., presented a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the MDI expansion and the new school location. He explained the impact of having both on Ed Ward Road. Mr. Kozma introduced Modern Dispersion South Inc. and he unveiled their plans for expansion in four phases in the years to come. He explained MDI traffic will increase on Ed Ward Road due to their expansion of the company. MDI purchased the old Delphi property located across the road from their original property that will be included in the expansion.

Mr. Kozma expressed his concerns of adding the new school traffic to Ed Ward Road. His concerns included public, student, and staff safety, traffic congestion, chemical hazard, and odor and noise nuisance. He stated the School Board has ignored his efforts to communicate with them regarding his concerns and continued with their plans to build the new school regardless of MDI plans to expand and the liability of both using Ed Ward Road.

**Courtroom Camera System & Software**

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated Judge Chasteen wants to install a camera system and software in the courtroom. The new system will allow them to hold court through live streaming on YouTube. The defendants will be able to attend court from the jail and their families will be able to attend court virtually using their phones or computers. This will save cost in transporting prisoners to and from the jail to the courthouse.

Mr. Dinnerman stated Judge Chasteen is willing to share in the cost of the camera system and software. Mr. Dinnerman also stated the estimated cost is \$26,000 and we have the funds available to contribute.

**Hospital Authority Board Appointment**

Chairman Steve Taylor reminded the Commissioners that Chairperson Vanessa Melton's term has expired, and that they are task with filling the seat.

Meeting Adjourned

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

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