

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner John Mooney 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

Chairman Steve Taylor stated the agenda item Surplus Property Resolution need to be added to new business.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda with the add on agenda item. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on August 04, 2020. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice Chair-Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting held on August 26, 2020. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Department of Leisure Services Director Keith Morris reported football and soccer season is a go for the fall. The numbers are down but not as bad as other counties. The season will kick off later this month.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated:

- General Fund cash position are up \$1,360,000 to \$1,460,000 ahead of last year.
- The LOST Revenue are up \$16,720 year-to-date; an 18.16% increase.
- The SPLOST Revenue are up \$21,293 year-to-date; an 8.06% increase.
- We have some expenses due to COVID-19 and we have some lost in revenue in our Court System.
- We have received funds from the Cares Act.
- All in all, we are healthy.

Annexation Request:

The City of Fitzgerald sent notification for Annexation into the City of Fitzgerald for said property located at 125 Benjamin H. Hill Drive SW from GB County to GB City of Fitzgerald.

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

USDA Grants & Loans Ratify

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to ratify the vote to accept the Direct Facilities loan not to exceed \$108,000 with an interest rate of 2.25% and a Disaster Relief grant not to exceed \$100,000 to purchase a wheel loader and tractor to be used by the county Road Department. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the vote to accept the Direct Facilities loan not to exceed \$410,000 with an interest rate of 2.25% and a Disaster Relief grant not to exceed \$100,000 to purchase two road graders to be used by the county Road Department. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the vote to accept the Direct Facilities loan not to exceed \$155,100 with an interest rate of 2.25% and a Disaster Relief grant not to exceed \$100,000 to purchase five trucks, a mower, a trailer, and a welder to be used by the county Road Department. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the vote to accept the Direct Facilities loan not to exceed \$172,500 with an interest rate of 2.25% and a Disaster Relief grant not to exceed \$100,000 to purchase a tractor and backhoe to be used by the county Road Department. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

ACCG 2020 Voting Delegate

Commissioner Daniel Cowan nominated Vice-Chair Hope Harmon as the ACCG 2020 Voting Delegate

Courtroom Camera System & Software Ratify

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to ratify the vote to approve the contract with S&L Integrated to install a camera system and software in the courtroom. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Conflict of Interest Policy for Federal Funds over \$750,000

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy for Federal Funds over \$750,000. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Surplus Property Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Surplus Resolution for the Road Department. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon thanked everyone for being supportive of the CDBG Grant awarded for the Monitor Center.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk