

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 06, 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
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

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

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on September 08, 2020. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster gave an update on property tax bills, current collections, delinquent letters, and the reason why tax sales have been delayed.

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated:

- The Election's new parking lot has been paved and stripped.
- The SPLOST and LOST Revenue doubled this month. A company paid their taxes that contributed to the increase.
- SPLOST collection is \$491,074.82; Ben Hill collected \$270,091.015.
- LOST collection is \$245,541.30
- General Fund cash position is \$1,380,000. We are up to \$1,260,000 ahead of last year.

- The audit was teamwork that included Sheriff Lee Cone and Tax Commissioner Barry Foster.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Pat Ashley, Meeks CPA, gave a brief report regarding the 2019 audit. He stated, The assets has increased from 2018 to 2019. The fund balance has increased from 1,700,000 in 2018 to \$3,400,000. Mr. Ashley said, he considers that to be healthy.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Code Enforcement Complaint Form

County Manager Michael Dinnerman presented the Commissioners with a Code Enforcement Complaint Form created by Building & Zoning Administrator Lawton Lovett to keep record of all complaints and issues by citizens.

Hospital Authority Vacancies

Chairman Steve Taylor stated he received two letters from the Hospital Authority requesting names to fill unexpired terms for Vanessa Melton and Steve Pair.

Chairman Taylor urged the Commissioners to come up with names to turn in to the Hospital Authority to fill the vacancies.

Ben Hill County Transit Procurement Policy Amendment

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the amended Ben Hill County Transit Procurement Policy. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, 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:

Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated he had a gentleman turn in an application for the Hospital Authority. He asked when will the names be submitted.

Chairman Steve Taylor stated, right now they are gathering names to be submitted to the Hospital Authority.

Chairman Steve Taylor asked everyone at the meeting to encourage everyone to utilize early voting because there has been some complaints that we have only one voting precinct.

Chairman Steve Taylor told County Attorney Nick Kinsley it was good to see him at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk