

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 03, 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner Bennie Calloway 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 asked that Executive Session for Legal be added to the agenda.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition Executive Session for Legal. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, 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 October 06, 2020. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

**Constitutional Officer: NONE**

**Department Head Reports: NONE**

**County Board Reports: NONE**

**County Manager's Report:**

Mr. Dinnerman stated:

- General Fund cash position is \$1,597,000. We are up to \$1,600,000 more than last year.
- SPLOST collection is up \$243,000 more than last year. This is year to date.
- LOST collection is up \$218,000 more than last year. This is year to date.
- He and CFO Darlow Maxwell are currently working on the 2021 Budget.

**Annexation Request:**

The City of Fitzgerald sent notification for Annexation into the City of Fitzgerald for said property land lot number 302, in the fourth district, located on Benjamin H. Hill Drive and the public road right of way adjacent from General Business County to General Business City of Fitzgerald.

**Rezoning Application: NONE****Alcohol Application: NONE****Appointments:****Old Business: NONE****New Business:***2022 5311 Transit Authorizing Filing of an Application Resolution*

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing RMS to apply for an FTA Section 5311 grant to aid in the operation of the Ben Hill County Transit Program for FY 2022 on behalf of Ben Hill County. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

*Project Engineer for the 2021 CDBG Project/Ratify*

County Manager Michael Dinnerman explained that the County could possibly apply for 2021 CDBG because we were secondary on the 2020 CDBG for the Monitor Center. Mr. Dinnerman stated, if we can apply, we will need an Engineer for the project. We received three engineering proposals for the County's 2021 CDBG application. They were received by the 2 p.m. deadline on September 8, 2020. The proposals were reviewed and scored with Arrow Engineering receiving the highest score. On October 21, 2020, the Commission were polled and voted via telephone to select Arrow Engineering as the project engineer for the 2021 CDBG project. The decision needs to be ratified at this Commission meeting.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the vote to select Arrow Engineering as the project engineer for the 2021 CDBG project. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

**Agenda Changes and/or add on:****Legislative Report: NONE****Public Comments: NONE****Executive Session**

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to suspend the Regular Monthly Meeting to enter Executive Session for Legal. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Executive Session lasted 15 minutes.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to close Executive Session for Legal and return to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

**Commissioner's Remarks:**

Chairman Steve Taylor stated, we received good reviews regarding Elections from the State and locally.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated, Elections Department has hit high marks before election day. The new building and parking lot has worked out perfectly. He thanked Elections Supervisor Cindi Dunlap and her team for a job well done.

**Meeting adjourned**

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

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