

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 02, 2021 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
John Mooney	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner Daniel Cowan 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 Bennie Calloway added agenda item The Talk After the Walk Survey to new business.

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes that were held on January 5, 2021 that included the correction in the County Manager's report that should say, "He recommend **not** submitting an application for the TAN." Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes that were held on January 26, 2021 Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Department of Leisure Services Keith Morris reported they made it safely through football and soccer season. They are now playing basketball. He explained the safety precautions they are practicing and enforcing to keep everyone safe.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report: NONE

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Board of Elections Board Appointments

Chairman Steve Taylor open the floor for nominations.

- Vice-Chair Hope Harmon nominated Thelma Graham to replace David Walker.
- Commissioner Bennie Calloway nominated Joseph Manley to replace David Walker.
- Commissioner John Mooney nominated Thomas Green and Danny Young for reappointment.
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Nominations were closed.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to appoint Thelma Graham to the Board of Elections to replace David Walker. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway opposed the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Thomas Green to the Board of Elections. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Danny Young to the Board of Elections. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway abstained from the vote.

Budget Amendment Resolution

CFO Darlow Maxwell stated the budget amendment is needed to adjust the General Fund departmental expenditures both payroll and non-payroll so that the amended budget exceeds projected actual expenditures. The total of expenditures per the original adopted budget is not changed.

Also, Fund 225, Cares Special Revenue Fund, is presented for adoption. No budget was originally adopted when this fund was created.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolution 2021-01. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Alcohol Licenses Ordinances Amendment Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the amended Alcohol Licenses Ordinance Resolution. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Board of Assessors Board Appointment

Chairman Steve Taylor read a letter submitted by the Board of Assessors Chairman Randy Hughes recommending Jeffrey Smith be appointed to the Board.

Chairman Taylor open the floor for nominations.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon nominated Jeffrey Smith.

Nominations were closed.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion appoint Jeffrey Smith to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

The Talk After The Walk Survey

Commissioner Bennie Calloway stated this survey is regarding the Black Lives Matter march that took place during the summer of 2020. UGA is administering the survey. He came across the link on the City of Fitzgerald website and would like for it to be posted on Ben Hill County website for whoever would like to participate in the survey.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman asked Commissioner Calloway to send him the link and he will have it added to the County's website.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report:

Vice- Chair Hope Harmon reported they are now receiving legislative updates via zoom. Also, NACO sends out emails that include call details if anyone would like to receive updates from the White House.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk