

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 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
Daniel Cowan	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

Chairman Steve Taylor added agenda item Technology Fines Resolution to new business.

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes that were held on February 02, 2021. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster gave an update on the tax sale that will be held April 6, 2021 in the Commissioner's Meeting room.

Department Head Reports:

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein gave an update on the conditions of the roads due to excessive rain.

Development Authority Director OD Netter gave an update on Revolving Loan Fund loans.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported:

- Cash position is up 1.6 million
- LOST is up \$238,000 for 2020 & up \$21,000 for 2021
- SPLOST is up \$266,000 for 2020 & up \$25,000 for 2021
- We had a pretty good 2020 year
- CPA Tony Eckler has started on the 2020 audit.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application:

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Southern Crown Partners, LLC alcohol licenses application. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Wholesale Liquor, Beer, & Wine Fees/Ratify

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the vote to approve the wholesale liquor, beer, and wine fees. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Authorizing the Tax Commissioner the Authority to Accept Payments of Taxes & Fees Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Resolution giving the Tax Commissioner the Authority to Accept Payments of Taxes & Fees. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Budget Amendment #2 & #3 Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolution to amend the 2020 Budget. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Surplus Property Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Surplus Resolution declaring the old Election's building on West Pine, the vacant lot behind the Tax Commissioner's Office, and the lot behind the Old Pizza Hut on Colony Drive surplus property. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Technology Fines Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Resolution to request the Legislators to enact Legislation to provide for a technology fee to be charged by the Courts. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report:

Vice- Chair Hope Harmon reported they are continuing to meet via zoom. They are mainly discussing absentee ballots.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Steve Taylor read a letter of appreciation he received on behalf of the Road Department. He also reported the hospital has zero in-patients with COVID and the Health Department has had zero positive test in the last two weeks. He reminded everyone the Talk After The Walk Survey link is available on the County's website.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated we have a five-year contract with Grady EMS. Grady wants to renegotiate the contract. Mr. Dinnerman stated we will have to talk with Grady regarding the contract by the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk