

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 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
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

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting that was held on October 05, 2021. 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.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported after the Audit Report:

- We are in a comfortable position.
- We have a tough budget ahead of us.
- If we continue the way we are going; Expenditures are going to be more than Revenues.
- The Fund Balance is the results of everyone pulling in the same direction.

Annexation Request:

Chairman Steve Taylor stated an annexation notification was received from the City of Fitzgerald located to annex the said property located at 134 Ocilla Highway to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald to rezone from G-B (County) to G-B (City)

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Tony Eckler, Eckler CPA Firm, presented the 2020 audit to the Commissioners. The 2020 Fund Balance is \$5,401,248 and the 2020 Cash and Equivalent is \$5,736,593.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Economic Development Administration Resolution/Ratify

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the Economic Development Administration Resolution to submit an application to obtain the American Rescue Plan Act Adjustment Assistance Grant Funds for public infrastructure improvements. 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.

Stimulus Bonus Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Stimulus Bonus Resolution to appropriate funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of employee premium pay and for other lawful purposes. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Reapportionment Map

County Manager Michael Dinnerman provided the Commissioners with reapportionment map reflecting the change in the Districts according to the census. The Commissioners agreed with the change so that County Manager Michael Dinnerman can move forward with the redistricting process.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Commissioner Bennie Calloway reported he has received many complaints regarding EMS service.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman asked everyone to make sure he is informed about the complaints so that he can address them immediately.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk