

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON MARCH 08, 2022 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
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner John Mooney 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 made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, 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 that was held on February 08, 2022. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

DLS Director Keith Morrison gave an update on the Basketball program. He stated that the participation and the season was good. They are now evaluating baseball and softball. An estimated 360 kids has signed up and the season starts April 4th.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated he is working on SPLOST. It is expected to roll out in May. He has spoke with Sheriff Cone, IT, and Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein. He asked the Commissioners to be thinking about what projects they might want added and be on the look out for work sessions to discuss.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Ben Hill Transit Drug & Alcohol Policy/Revised

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the revised Ben Hill Transit Drug & Alcohol Policy. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

2021-03 Budget Amendment Resolution

CFO Darlow Maxwell stated this is the final amendment for FY 2021.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the 2021-03 Budget Amendment Resolution. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Budget Amendment 2022-01; 2022-02; 2022-03 Resolution

CFO Darlow Maxwell stated the budget amendments for 2022-01 and 2022-02 are grant funds the County received from the Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant for the Sheriff, Jail, and E911 Departments.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2022-01 and 2022-02 Resolution. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

CFO Darlow Maxwell stated the budget amendment 2022-03 is for the Sheriff Department salaries and FICA.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2022-03 Resolution. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Sale of Firearm Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Sale of Firearm Resolution. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

DLS Reappointment/ Jeremy Cox

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to reappoint Jeremy Cox to the DLS Board. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice- Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported that she will be attending the Legislative Breakfast the following morning. They will be discussing mental health and election laws.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk