

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 06, 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
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. 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 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 John Mooney, 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 was held on August 02, 2022. 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.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to close the Regular Monthly Meeting to enter the Public Hearing to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance Appendix B Sections 4-6. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon second the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Public Hearing

Zoning Ordinance/Amending Appendix B Sections 4-6

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the Zoning Manual is a living document and subject to changes.

Zoning Administrator Lawton Lovett stated Ben Hill County updated and amended its Zoning Ordinance in 2021, which was adopted on Oct 5, 2021. One the changes was in moving forward to no longer have R6, R6M, R9, and R15 zones in the future. R15 was removed 2 amendments prior.

After further review of the Ordinance, it is felt this was a mistake to completely remove these zones from the usage table. To have a clear regulation of the usage in these zones, we are making this proposed amendment to place these zones back into the usage table (Sec 5). The final table shows these zones in red font on the table of usage for regulation only. The listed zones will no longer be allowed for future district lots that may be established.

Also, note a change in the definition of guest/worker housing. The definition was not clear on regulation of the size of the dwelling. We separated out commercial and non-commercial kennels in the table and corrected a typo in Sec 9-3A.6.B of Appendix B to Ben Hill County.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to close the Public Hearing to re-enter the Regular Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Bennie Calloway second the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Ag Agent Holly Anderson and 4H Agent Laura Lee Hughes gave an update on what is happening in agriculture and 4H. They also, thank the Commissioners for the purchase of their van.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman report:

- They have been working on the Ed Ward Road project. They are ahead of schedule.
- He is also working on ambulance service. We have an extension with Grady until November 18th.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

Fitzgerald BHC Library Vacancy

Chairman Steve Taylor opened the floor for nominations.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon nominated Rudine Cleveland. There was no other nominations.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Bennie Calloway second the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Rudine Cleveland was appointed to the Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Library Board.

New Business:

Zoning Ordinance Resolution/Amending Appendix B Sections 4-6

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Resolution amending Appendix B Sections 4-6. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon second the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Budget Amendment Resolution/SRO

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Resolution to adjust the SRO expenses and reimbursement revenues to the agreement dated May 10, 2022. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Thank You Note/UGA Extension Staff & 4-H

Chairman Taylor acknowledged the thank you note received from Ag Agent Holly Anderson and 4H Agent Laura Lee Hughes for providing reliable transportation for the Ben Hill County students and for allowing them to borrow a van when needed.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk