

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. 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 William Gleaton Board of Election reappointment under New Business.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to include the add on William Gleaton Board of Election Reappointment under New Business.

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.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

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

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to suspend the Regular Monthly Meeting to open the Public Hearing to discuss FY 2023 Proposed Budget. 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.

Public Hearing

Chief Finance Officer Darlow Maxwell stated the General Fund budget was advertised in the newspaper as \$11,284,997.50 for expenditures and revenues. The budget should have included the other funds that are listed below:

210	SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND		\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
211	DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT		\$ 11,800.00	\$ 11,800.00
212	JAIL FUND		\$ 32,100.00	\$ 32,100.00
213	SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS		\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
215	JUVENILE SERVICES		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
216	E911 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS		\$ 622,314.00	\$ 622,314.00
230	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 808,000.00
300	BHC DEVELOPMENT FUND		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
310	BHC LMIG GRANT FUND		\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
324	SPLOST 2011		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
325	SPLOST 2017		\$ 2,800,100.00	\$ 2,800,100.00
326	BHC TRANSPORTATION FUND		\$ 630,000.00	\$ 630,000.00

There were no public comments.

Chairman Steve Taylor thanked Mr. Maxwell for the work done on the budget.

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

Constitutional Officer:

Judge Melinda Stembridge stated she is here to oppose the Retainer for Vital Records Fee Resolution. She stated the prior Judges didn't have any issues with what they collected. Judge David Hobby generously gave 60% when the County was struggling financially; but that is not the case now.

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman report:

- Working on SPLOST with Election Supervisor Cindi Dunlap for election.
- Working on Ed Ward & Perry House Road grant.
- EMS Ambulance Service transition went well on November 30th.
- AmeriPro is working hard to provide a quality & professional EMS service.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Probate Judge Retainer for Vital Records Fee Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to cap the Probate Judge retainer for vital records fee at \$17,000 annually. 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 and Commissioner Daniel Cowan opposed the motion.

Budget Amendment Resolution/ Fund 340 (Perry Rd. ~ Ed Ward Grant)

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund 340 regarding Perry House Road and Ed Ward Road Grant. 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.

EMA Director Position

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to appoint Jacob Hughes as EMA Director. 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.

Ambulance Service Contract/Ratify

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the Ambulance Service Contract with AmeriPro. 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.

Calling for an Election of Reimpose a SPLOST Resolution/Ratify

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the Calling for an Election of Reimpose a SPLOST Resolution. 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.

SPLOST IGA & Authorizing the Chairman to Execute the Agreement Resolution/Ratify

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to ratify the SPLOST IGA and Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Agreement Resolution. 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.

IGA/2023 SPLOST for Capital Outlay Projects/Ratify

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the 2023 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement for Capital Outlay Project. Commissioner John Mooney 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.

Mary Young/BOE Reappointment

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint Mary Young to the Board of Election Board. 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.

William Gleaton/BOE Reappointment

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to reappoint William Gleaton to the Board of Election Board. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

2023 Holiday Calendar

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday Calendar that includes Juneteenth. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Steve Taylor.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Christmas bonuses for full-time employees for \$100 and part-time employees \$50 in accordance with the guidelines. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon thanked everyone for there support regarding the Christmas gifts. All of Ben Hill County 119 foster children was sponsored this year. She also thanked everyone for the work done at Monitor.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk