

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Donna Prather	County Clerk

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order.

FY 2024 Proposed Budget

Chairman Steve Taylor stated, the purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the proposed budget to the public in the amount \$11,557,565 for revenue and expenditures, and the special revenue budgets Sheriff Commissary Fund, Drug Abuse, Jail Fund, Special Investigations, Juvenile Services, American Rescue Plan (ARP) 2021 Fund, E911 Operations, Development Authority, L.M.I.G. Grant Fund, SPLOST 2011, SPLOST 2017, and Transportation (T-SPLOST), 2023 Capital Projects, TSPLOST Capital Fund, and Perry House Ed Ward Road.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated this has been a tough budget and things are really tight. Mr. Dinnerman explained the increases EMS cost has doubled and Health Insurance increased 5%. He stated some areas are up & down; but believes this is a doable budget because it is accurate and balanced. Mr. Dinnerman announced that he will retire at the end of 2024.

Chairman Taylor acknowledged it has been tough preparing the proposed budget.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Steve Taylor, Chairman

Donna R. Prather, County Clerk