

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 02, 2024 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Bennie Calloway	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. 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

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on March 03, 2024. 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: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report: NONE

Annexation Request/Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application:

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the alcohol application for Urvasiben Patel dba Dhyam Liquors LLC to sell beer and wine retail. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion. Commissioner Bennie Calloway opposed the motion.

Appointments

Paige Wynn, CEO of Dorminy Medical Center, thanked the Commissioners and County Manager for donating an ambulance to Dorminy. The ambulance will be used as non-emergency transport for patients in and out of the hospital.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon stated she attended the regional meeting regarding the allocations of the opioid settlement. \$1.7 million dollars will be distributed over a ten-year period. A portal will be established to apply for the funds through the Regional Advisory Council.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioners Remarks

Chairman Steve Taylor reminded everyone of the TIA referendum coming up for renewal in May and he is looking at a date to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Commissioner’s meeting room and 4H & Ag Extension Office.

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk