

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 05, 2024, AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
LOCATED AT 321 DEWEY MCGLAMRY ROAD

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
Pamela D. Turner	County Clerk

Assistant County Manager Hampton Raulerson 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

Chairman Steve Taylor added agenda items Accepting Management for The Landfill under New Business.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda that included agenda items Accepting Management for The Landfill. 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 John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on October 08, 2024. 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.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Keith Morrison from DLS reported:

- Fall season is winding down
- In All Stars Football and Soccer Programs
- Kiwanis Bowl starts November 11th 12th, and 14th

- Football District Tournament in Tifton Ga November 18th, 2024
- Soccer Program 8 & under, 10 & under and 12 & under, Thomasville District tournament November 22nd and 23rd
- Hosting 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under girls' district soccer tournament November 23rd, 2024, at Paulk Park
- DLS has started storm repairs from Hurricane Helene

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported:

- Pre-Con Meeting with East Coast Asphalt for EDA Grant Project, project will begin in 45 days or sooner
- Micheal is working with Regional Commissioner and DCA to re-allocated \$292,000.00 in RLF funds for the Monitor Project. Project. The Monitor Project bids came in over budget, \$292,00.00 will be used to offset the County's portion of the expenses for the Monntior Project. The Chairman received a letter stating that funds can be used, but first an environmental report is needed. The Environmental report may hold the Project up, this can take 60 to 90 days. A Letter of Award will be sent to Contractor so the building can be order, this process may take awhile but it will keep us in compliance.
- Budget is about complete pending County Manager Michael Dinnerman final review. Hampton and Deanna did 90% of the work on the budget which is almost ready to be Adopted
- Don't have the total numbers from Joint Services yet but I did speak with them, and they do have a tentative budget, this should not hold up the approval of the budget.
- Working with a consultant on the storm debris from Hurricane Helene to determine the available space in the INERT and C&D Landfill, and to see if there is any opportunity for saving on the closure or the generation of revenue.
- FEMA provided contractor to remove storm debris. The BHC Road Department will remove debris for safety reasons only.

Annexation Request/Notification: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

Election Board Appointments/ William Gleaton

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to reappoint William Gleaton to the Board of Elections. 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.

Election Board Appointments/ Mary Young

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to reappoint Mary Young to the Board of Elections. 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.

Election Board Appointments/ Nessa Williams

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to appoint Nessa Williams to the Board of Elections. 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 all voting for the motion.

New Business:

Lease Agreement w/ Youth In Action

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve Lease Agreement with Youth In Action. 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.

Chairman Taylor thanked Leroy Dunnom for working with the kids.

CDBG-Flint Road/ East Coast Asphalt Award Letter/ Ratify

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve to send award letter to East Coast Asphalt for CBDG-Flint Road. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

EDA Grant -Ed Ward Rd/ East Coast Asphalt Award Letter/ Ratify

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve to send award letter to East Coast Asphalt for EDA Grant-Ed Ward Road. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion

2024 Monitor Enrichment Project/ Award Letter PCF

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve to send award letter to PCF for Monitor Enrichment Project. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Intergovernmental Agreement/ DMC

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Ben Hill County and Hospital Authority relating to 2014 Chevrolet Ambulance that was deemed surplus. 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.

Accept Management of The Landfill

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion for to accept Management of The Landfill incorporation with Solid Watse Authority. 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.

Christmas Bonus

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

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report:

District Meeting was rescheduled for November due to Hurricane Helene. Nothing to report currently

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Vice-Chairman reported that during Hurricane Helene relief effort she received a lot of help from Andrian with Senator Warnock Office, they help with GEMA, GEMA by providing a special number for Elected Officials to call for assistance. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon acknowledge the Fitzgerald Police Department, Sheriff Office and the Road Department for assisting in passing out items and thanked Cathy Posey at the Senior Center for being a distribution site for supplies. She was able to do a total of 4 distribution. Also, for the Military for passing out MRE. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon thanked all the resources that came in and help during a time of need.

Chairman Steve Taylor expressed on behalf of the board their condolences to County Manager Michael Dinnerman on the passing of his mother.

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Taylor, Chairman

Pamela D. Turner, County Clerk