

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025, AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Hal Wiley	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Hampton Raulerson	County Manager
Deanna Griffin	Acting County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Hal Wiley called the meeting to order

Commissioner Bennie Calloway gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Chairman Hal Wiley added agenda items DLS 8 Youth Boys Soccer Team Recognition

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the agenda that included agenda item DLS 8 Youth Boys Soccer Team Recognition. Commissioner John Mooney seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Hal Wiley 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 January 7th, 2025. 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 Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes that was held on January 23rd, 2025. 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 Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes that was held on January 30th 2025 10:00am. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes that was held on January 30th, 2025, 6:00pm. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Recognition of DLS 8 Youth Boys Soccer Team

Keith Morrison DLS Director states as follows:

- Won State
- 2023 runner up lost
- 2024 won district in Thomasville
- A total of eight teams won the State tournament

Michael Heitzman introduced all the kids to the Board, pictures were taken.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

EMA Director spoke about the Resolution Declaring A State of Emergency as the result of 2025 Winter Weather to institute curfew the night after the storm and other purposes. This storm brought 8 inches of snow to the area.

DLS Director Keith Morrison reported:

- Basketball is whining down; basketball season ends next Thursday.
- Hosting District All-Stars tournament
- Registration for TBall and Softball has begun until February 28th

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Hampton Raulerson:

- All three hearings for HB 581 had a great turnout, it was very educational for everyone.
- Schedule a Special Called Meeting for February 18th 6pm to vote on HB 581
- Received a report from the Department of Revenue for our digest review we are doing good; we are at 38.4%, which is well within the required range.

Annexation Request/Notification:

913 S. Johnston St. Ext./From R-6 County to R-6 City

Building and Zoning Director Jacob Huges stated at the corner of S. Johnston and Sadie Lane needs city sewer therefore it needs to be annexed in.

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Commissioner Daniel Cowan stated that Health Parrish is no longer eligible to be on the Board of Health because he has moved, and that Katie Petrie will be appointed.

Vice- Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to appoint Katie Petrie to the Ben Hill County Board of Health. Commissioners Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting on the motion.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

AsystYou Technologies Contract

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve AsystYou Technologies Contract. 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 Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Selection of Engineer RFPs for 2025 CDBG Application

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve Engineer Haughsteder and Associates for the 2025 CDBG Application. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Chairman Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Resolution Declaring State of Emergency as Result of 2025 Winter Weather/Institute Curfew and For Other Purposes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring State of Emergency as result of 2025 Winter Weather. 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 Hal Wiley all voting for the motion.

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments:

Diane Davis 1129 W Roanoke Dr. Fitzgerald GA. stated that she is 4th generation of Union Baptist Church member, she moved back 3 years ago. She noticed that several Churches that use to have dirt roads are now paved. I am curious why Union Church Road isn't paved. She wants Union Baptist Church and Union Cemetery Road paved.

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Hal Wiley stated that the first three meetings that were held went well, respectful dialogue was had.

Meeting adjourned.

_____ Hal Wiley, Chairman

_____ Deanna Griffin, Acting County Clerk