

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 05, 2019 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 Prather	County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman called the meeting to order.

Pastor Terry Cole gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Terry Cole addressed Chairman Steve Taylor regarding a phone call he received from County Manager Michael Dinnerman about reading a scripture before the invocation at the Commissioner's meeting. Pastor Cole stated we need more of God and not less and he was very upset because of the conversation; therefore he would not be back to do the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda/Agenda Changes

Chairman Steve Taylor stated the new business agenda item, Management Authority for E911 Resolution, will be taken off the agenda and addressed at a later date.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment included to take Management Authority for E911 Resolution off the agenda. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes held on March 05, 2019. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Judge Lisa McCard reported online warrant training has begun with law enforcement and the training started off good.

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated the county is financially sound.

Mr. Dinnerman stated we are averaging \$33,000 a month in TSPLOST. The annual projections are around \$400,000.

Mr. Dinnerman stated E911 furniture will arrive on April 9th. The complete renovation and equipment upgrade of E911 will be completed by the end of this month.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Consent Items: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

Louis & Brenda Edwards Rezone 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy property from G-F County to C-C County

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to the Commissioners that the 3.64 acres located at 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy be rezoned from G-F County to C-C County.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the rezoning request to rezone the 3.64 acres located at 211 & 213 Douglas Hwy from G-F County to C-C County. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion. Commissioner John Mooney opposed the motion.

Commissioner Mooney wished the Edwards the best in their business endeavors; but he couldn't vote for the motion because he believes the request is spot zoning and it is a stretch in what the zoning ordinance is there for.

New Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement/Municipal Elections Service

Chairman Steve Taylor stated this Intergovernmental Agreement is between the Board of Elections and Registration of Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald for election services for June 18, 2019 Municipal Special Election.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of Elections and Registration of Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald for election services for June 18, 2019 Municipal Special Election. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

GDOT Roundabout Letter/Intersection of SR 90 and Lower Rebecca Road

Chairman Steve Taylor stated we received a letter Georgia Department of Transportation explaining their plans regarding the roundabout at the intersection of SR 90 and Lower Rebecca Road. Their goal in sending the letter was informational purposes and to give the public a chance to comment on the proposed project.

Mr. Taylor said the letter along with the comment sheets are on the County's web page and the Herald Leader will share the information the newspaper.

Hospital Authority Board letter of Resignation/Edgar Medellin

Chairman Steve Taylor stated he received a letter from the Hospital Authority that included the letter of resignation for Edgar Medellin.

Chairman Taylor stated he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the vacancy and that the position needs to be filled.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported HB 571 passed in the House and Senate today that changes the Probate Judge and Magistrate Judge positions to non-partisan. Commissioner Harmon stated the bill is waiting for the Governor's stamp of approval.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Commissioner Daniel Cowan express their concerns regarding Pastor Terry Cole comment that County Manager Michael Dinnerman called him and asked him to not read a scripture; but to just pray.

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated we need to be mindful of how far we go with reading the scripture and prayer in the Commissioner's meeting.

Chairman Steve Taylor stated he received a letter form ACCG that stated the County would be refunded \$33,746 because of low claims on workers' compensation from previous years.

Mr. Taylor also mentioned the ACCG Conference is coming up at the end of this month. This is a time for good classes and relationship building with fellow Commissioners from other counties.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk