

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON JUNE 04, 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
John Mooney	Commissioner
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna Prather	County Clerk

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 stated RMS Contract and Executive Session Pending Litigation need to be added to the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda to include the amendment to add New Business agenda item RMS Contract and Executive Session Pending Litigation. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on May 07, 2019. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting held on May 22, 2019. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing regarding Text Amendment with the right to return to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Public Hearing/Text Amendment for Ben Hill County Land Development Code

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comments regarding the Text Amendment to the Ben Hill County Land Development Code to allow Animal Rescue/Kennels in General Farming zoning by a Special Exception.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to close the Public Hearing and re-enter the Regular Monthly Meeting. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voted for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster reported the new software is working well. The ladies are still learning the new system, so he is asking for patience from the public. Mr. Foster reported there will be a property tax sale held September 3, 2019, 2018 Property Taxes is 97% collected, and the 2019 Mobile Home taxes are due.

Department Head Reports: NONE

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated the county is financially sound and haven't had to borrow any TAN. He also reflected on where we were last year this time regarding finances. Mr. Dinnerman stated, by this time last year, we had borrowed 1.5 million in TAN.

Mr. Dinnerman stated everything should be installed at E911 by the end of the week.

Mr. Dinnerman stated they are still in the process of getting the Sheriff Department data from the cyber-attack. We have received the grant from USDA to order 24 computers for the Sheriff Department, Jail, and E911.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

EMA Director and EMA Deputy Director Appointments

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to appoint Brandon Fletcher as Ben Hill County EMA Director and Sheriff Lee Cone as Ben Hill County EMA Deputy Director. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voted for the motion.

New Business:

Text Amendment for Ben Hill County Land Development Code

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Text Amendment to the Ben Hill County Land Development Code to allow Animal Rescue/Kennels in General Farming zoning by a Special Exception. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voted for the motion.

Senior Citizen Congregate & Home Delivery Meals Contract

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the FY2020 Senior Citizen Nutrition Contract to provide operation of a Senior Center with congregate and home delivered meals. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

2020 Census

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated he met with City Administrator Cam Jordan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and a Census Bureau Representative regarding organizing a Complete Count Committee in Fitzgerald ben Hill County. Mr. Dinnerman emphasized the importance of getting an accurate account of how many people that lives in each household because the count dictates the amount of money the county will receive.

Mr. Dinnerman want the public to know all information collected is confidential and is not shared with anyone else and we will have a kick off meeting soon.

RMS Contract

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Third Party Operation Service Agreement for operation of Ben Hill Transit System between Resource Management Systems Inc. and The Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on:

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Bennie Calloway made a motion to close Executive Session to re-enter the Regular Monthly Meeting. Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Vice-Chairman Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Commissioner John Mooney all voting for the motion.

Commissioner's Remarks:

Chairman Steve Taylor stated the Commissioners will have the July Monthly meeting on the scheduled date July 02, 2019.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk