

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON OCTOBER 08, 2019 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| 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

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to add agenda items Adoption Agreement Amendment #1 ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management, Resolution to Amend ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management, Natural Resources Resolution, and Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Planning and Zoning Board Appointment to New Business and remove agenda item Samuel Collins Resolution from New Business. 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 voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting held on September 10, 2019. 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 voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer:

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster stated they will have a mobile home sale on November 5th in the Commission meeting room. Mr. Foster stated disbursements are slow due to software problems.

Department Head Reports:

4H Agent Geri Gelliland gave an update on activity regarding the Ag Agent and 4-H.

Road Department Superintendent Tim Kegebein reported the LMIG paving project is complete. The project included 5.597 miles of paving roads. He also stated roads are drying out and causing some problems with wash boards.

Chief Finance Officer Darlow Maxwell reported the 2020 budget packets have been given to the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads to begin the budget process. Mr. Maxwell thanked the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads for getting their information back to him in a timely manner.

Elections Supervisor reported early voting has begun for the November City election. They have a new voting machine in the office and will start to educate the voters regarding the machine after the November election.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

Mr. Dinnerman stated:

- ❖ We are meeting with the Census Complete Count Committee to spread the word regarding 2020 Census. A public meeting will be held Thursday, October 10th at the Commission meeting room beginning at 5:30 pm
- ❖ We received a new dump truck. We received \$24,700 USDA Grant funds to help purchase the dump truck.
- ❖ We are working on the deed for the Mobley Bluff well.
- ❖ As of September, Revenues are at 149% and expenditures are at 93%.
- ❖ The insurance premium check is scheduled to come soon.
- ❖ We haven't borrowed any TAN and we are financially strong.
- ❖ Tax Commissioner Barry Foster and staff has done a great job collecting. Constitutional Officers and Department Heads have also done a great job.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments:

Pat Ashley, Meeks CPA, gave a brief report regarding the 2018 audit. Mr. Ashley stated Ben Hill County has a \$1,670,467 fund balance. He considers that to be a strong fund balance.

Old Business:

Rodeo/Special Exception

County Manager Michael Dinnerman stated the Commissioners submitted questions and concerns regarding the rodeo and Mr. Serrano submitted answers to their questions. The Commissioners discussed Mr. Serrano answers.

Commissioner John Mooney stated he would like to task our legal counsel to research and give a legal opinion on adding the following guidelines to the Special Exception; limited rodeo event once a month, cease the rodeo at 12:00 am, all parking must be on the property and not on the right of way, the Special Exception is non-transferrable, and mandatory security. Mr. Mooney also stated he would like to include penalties if the guidelines are not abided by. When counsel gives a legal opinion, the Commissioners will vote.

New Business:

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution. 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 voting for the motion.

Federally Funded Conflicts of Interest Resolution

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Federally Funded Conflicts of Interest Resolution. Commissioner Bennie Calloway seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Ricky Manning/Bounce With Ya Family Entertainment/RLF

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve Ricky Manning, Bounce With Ya Family Entertainment, Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$27,000 for 6 years at 3.75% interest. 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.

Hospital Authority Board Appointment/Scott Spivey

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to appoint Scott Spivey to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner Bennie Calloway, and Vice-Chair Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Amendment # 1 Agreement

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Amendment # 1 Agreement. 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 voting for the motion.

Resolution to Amend ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to adopt the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Resolution. 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 voting for the motion.

Natural Resources Resolution

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to adopt the Natural Resources Resolution. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, and Commissioner Bennie Calloway all voting for the motion.

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Planning and Zoning Board Appointment

Chairman Steve Taylor stated Warren Elder submitted an application for the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Planning and Zoning Board vacancy. Mr. Taylor asked the Commissioners to review the application so that it can be addressed at the next meeting.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report: NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

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

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

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk