

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 14, 2020 AT 10:00 AM IN THE
BEN HILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
OFFICE MEETING ROOM

Those present for the meeting were as follow:

Steve Taylor	Chairman
Hope Harmon	Vice-Chair
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
John Mooney	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was absent.

Chairman Steve Taylor called the meeting to order.

As the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic (3/11/20), President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency (3/13/20), Governor Brian Kemp declared a Public Health Emergency for the State of Georgia (3/14/20), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended social distancing measures be implemented for all individuals to prevent the continued spread of the illness, this special called emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County was held with attendance by telephone conference under the authority of OCGA 50-14-1(g) and OCGA 38-3-54.

USDA Grants

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 16 computers and printers not to exceed \$22,400 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$41,760. The total cost of the project is \$64,160. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to accept the Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Grant for 2 patrol vehicles to be used by the Ben Hill County Sheriff Department not to exceed \$25,000 and Ben Hill County contribution is \$49,300. The total cost of the project is \$74,300. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Commissioner Daniel Cowan all voting for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Steve Taylor, Chairman

Donna Prather, County Clerk