

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 02, 2022 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
Daniel Cowan	Commissioner
Michael Dinnerman	County Manager
Donna R. Prather	County Clerk

Commissioner Bennie Calloway and Commissioner John Mooney were absent.

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

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on July 05, 2022. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting minutes that was held on July 28, 2022. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Tax Commissioner Barry Foster reported the Digest has been approved.

Department Head Reports:

Road Superintendent Tim Kegebein introduce Nathan Fountain as the new Assistant Road Superintendent. He gave the Commissioners a list of roads that will need paving in the near future. He asked the Commissioners to consider the list when working on projects for the new SPLOST.

DLS Director Keith Morrison gave an update on the swim team. The team consist of 24 swimmers. State competition was held in Tifton on July 3rd and three individual won state. Registration for football and cheerleader ends this Friday. They will start playing on September 6th. Also, the purchase agreement has been signed for Lion Park lights.

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman reported:

- The LOST negotiations meeting will be held August 11th.
- He has been working with ACCG to get an understanding of incorporated and unincorporated areas to help aide in LOST Negotiations.
- They have purchased the wetland credits for Ed Ward Road.

Annexation Request: NONE

Rezoning Application: NONE

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business:

Fitzgerald BHC Library Vacancy

Chairman Taylor reminded the Commissioners of the vacancy on the Library Board that need to be filled.

New Business:

ACCG 2022 Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate

Commissioner Daniel Cowan made a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Hope Harmon as the 2022 Legislative Leadership Conference voting delegate. Chairman Steve Taylor second the motion; which passed with Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Vice-Chair Hope Harmon all voting for the motion.

Broadband Ordinance/Ratify

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to ratify the vote to approve the Broadband Ordinance. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Economic Development Administration Contract w/ Southern Regional Commission

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the EDA Contract with Southern Regional Commission to render certain technical and administrative services during the time period of May 24, 2022 until March 24, 2025. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon reported she recently met with USDA regarding food boxes and other services. USDA is looking at giving away food boxes at the beginning of 2023. Vice-Chairman stated the meeting was very productive.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks: NONE

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk