

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

Commissioner Bennie Calloway was 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

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

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on September 06, 2022. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon seconded the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to close the Regular Monthly Meeting to enter the Public Hearing to discuss a rezoning application. Commissioner John Mooney second the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner John Mooney, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Public Hearing

Zoning Ordinance/Amending Appendix B Sections 4-6

Zoning Administrator Jacob Hughes stated John Mooney, owner of Cabinet Warehouse, applied to rezone the 2-acre lot adjacent to his business from agricultural to commercial to expand his business.

Mr. Hughes stated letters were mailed to adjacent landowners and no one responded. He or Mr. Lawton Lovett did not find any issues regarding rezoning the property.

No public comments.

Commissioner John Mooney made a motion to close the Public Hearing to re-enter the Regular Monthly Meeting. Vice-Chair Hope Harmon second the motion; which passed with Commissioner John Mooney, Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Constitutional Officer: NONE

Department Head Reports:

Ag Agent Holly Anderson, 4H Agent Laura Lee Hughes, and the Ben Hill County 4-H students; Landon Sinyard, Nandini Patel, Thomas Holt, and Lee Jay shared the importance of National 4-H Week.

October 2nd-8th is set aside to recognize more than 100 years of excellence in positive youth development and recognize all the ways the 4-H'ers are living out the organizational motto "to make the best better."

County Board Reports: NONE

County Manager's Report:

County Manager Michael Dinnerman report:

- We are fortunate to have good 4-H Leaders and we appreciate the work they do.
- We are looking for another building to house the 4-H program.
- The Ed Ward road project is moving forward.
- The County is very healthy and moving in a positive direction and he is glad to be a part of it.

Annexation Request:

County manager Michael Dinnerman stated we receive a notification from the City. Jeffery Mason, 114 Wilson Way, is requesting that the foregoing property be rezoned from R-9 County to R-9 City.

Mr. Dinnerman stated he see no issues with the request.

Rezoning Application:

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to approve the Rezoning Application regarding the property located between the Cabinet Warehouse and the Ben Hill County Safety Complex on Appomattox Road, to rezone 2 acres of said property from GF County to Commercial County. Commissioner Daniel Cowan second the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Commissioner John Mooney abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Alcohol Application: NONE

Appointments: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Authorizing Resolution/FY 2024 Transit Grant Application

Vice-Chair Hope Harmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing Southern Georgia Regional Commission to file an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a grant for public transportation assistance under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Commissioner Daniel Cowan seconded the motion; which passed with Vice-Chair Hope Harmon, Commissioner Daniel Cowan, Commissioner John Mooney, and Chairman Steve Taylor all voting for the motion.

Agenda Changes and/or add on: NONE

Legislative Report:

Chairman Steve Taylor reminded the Commissioners of the Regional meeting in Tift County on October 25th.

Public Comments: NONE

Executive Session

Commissioner's Remarks:

Commissioner Daniel Cowan thanked the 4-H leaders and students for their hard work and dedication.

Meeting adjourned

_____ Steve Taylor, Chairman

_____ Donna R. Prather, County Clerk