

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Governmental Officials

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Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Chamber of Commerce
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Mayor
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City of Fitzgerald Administration (www.fitzgeraldga.org)

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Payroll / Insurance Clerk:
Assistant CFO:
Receptionist:

Cherron Bouie
Angie Windom
Christina Justice
Dana Luckie

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Joy Griner, Director
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City of Fitzgerald Council Members (www.fitzgeraldga.org)

Governed by a mayor and a nine-person council. The mayor serves a four-year term and is elected by a majority vote of the eligible citizens. All council members also serve staggered four-year terms. Four members represent wards (1st, Western; 2nd, Eastern; 3rd, Eastern; 4th, Western) and are selected by majority vote. Also selected by majority vote are two at-large positions, one from the western district and one from the eastern. The remaining three seats are at-large ones filled by plurality vote. The Council meets in chambers (302 E. Central Ave.) at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Albert Webb
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East at Large

Rick Jones
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East & West at Large
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Dennis C. Jefferson, Jr.
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424-0123
East 3rd Ward

John Hageman
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423-3271
West at Large

Brandy Elrod
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Neesa Williams
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Jason Holt
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West 1st Ward

Charles Coney
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East 2nd Ward

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Downtown Development & Historic Preservation

Fitzgerald's National Register Downtown Historic District features pedestrian friendly amenities including over 26 blocks of historic streetscape, the Grand Plaza Park, The Grand Theater and Conference Center, the Carnegie Center, The Stokoe-Davis Parking Garden, The Blue & Gray Museum, restored Courthouse, restored City Hall, Fire Engine Museum, Farmer's Market; and an eclectic grouping of architecture, shops, eateries, and activities.

Alesia Biggers –Director
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Ben Hill County Administration (www.benhillcounty.com)

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Interim County Manager
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| Payroll/Personnel: | Joann Richardson | jrichardson@benhillcounty.com |
| Accounts Payable: | Pam Turner | pturner@benhillcounty.com |
| County Attorney: | Toni Sawyer | tsawyer@benhillcounty.com |
| Special Administrative Aide: | Michael Santee | msantee@benhillcounty.com |

Ben Hill County Departments (www.benhillcounty.com)

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| <p>Johnny Burch Ben Hill Co. Coroner 146 Shenandoah DR. 426-5157 bburch@benhillcounty.com Deputy Coroner : Jason Holt</p> | <p>Cathy Bishop EMS 302 W. Altamaha ST. 426-5115 Fax: 426-5121 cbishop@benhillcounty.com</p> | <p>Tim Kegebein RDSuperintendent Solid Waste 147 County Farm Road 426-5170 Fax: 426-5173 tkegebein@benhillcounty.com</p> |
| <p>Bobby McLemore Sheriff 255 Appomattox Road 426-5161 sheriffmclemore@mchsi.com www.benhillcountytax.com</p> | <p>Linda McDonald Tax Commissioner 324 E. Pine ST. 426-5144 Fax: 426-5145 ljmcdonald@benhillcounty.com</p> | <p>Thomas Payton Animal Control 426-5078 426-5085 City – 426-5000 Link: (229) 222-1293 Beeper: (912) 260-6557 Fax: (229) 426-5630 Service Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm tpayton@benhillcounty.com</p> |
| <p>Catherine Posey Senior Citizen Center 253 Appomattox RD. 426-5149 Fax: 426-5086 cposey@benhillcounty.com Hours: 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. Nutrition 8:00 -Noon</p> | <p>Jason Miller Bldg. Inspector/EMA 402 E. Pine ST. 426-5088 Fax: 426-5630 jmiller@benhillcounty.com EMA 229-238-1528</p> | <p>E-911 Lt. Col Jimmy Nolan 255 A. Appomattox RD. 426-5111 (Non-Emergency) jnolan@benhillcounty.com</p> |

Ben Hill County Commissioners (www.benhillcounty.com)

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| <p>Chairman Philip Jay 402-A E Pine St 426-5100 pjay@benhillcounty.com</p> | <p>O.D. Netter 402-A East Pine St. 426-5100 423-0766 (W) odnetter@benhillcounty.com</p> | <p>Kathy Davis 402-A E Pine St. 426-5100 423-2844 (W) kdavis@benhillcounty.com</p> |
| <p>Scott Downing 402-A E Pine St. 426-5100 sdowning@benhillcounty.com</p> | <p>Bennie Calloway 402 –A E. Pine ST. 426-5100 bcalloway@benhillcounty.com</p> | |

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Planning Commission

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| John Ed Smith P.O. Box 308 423-2027 City | Buck Anderson P.O. Box 159 423-2321 City | Trey Luckie P.O. Box 280 424-9600 City | Bennie Calloway 125 Greer Circle 424-0332 County | Jeff Mason 251 Lulaville RD 423-8145 County |
| David King 801 W. Central Ave. 423-5080/9191 City | John Bishop 212 Pine Forest Rd. 426-5161 County | Toni Sawyer P.O. Box 690 423-6608 County | Mr. Jim Turner 124 Taylor Circle 424-5149 City | |

Fitzgerald Water Light & Bond Commissioners (www.fitzutilities.com)

The commission is voted on by the citizens of Fitzgerald. A representative of each ward or district is elected and one at-large representative. Commissioners each serve four-year terms with staggered electoral terms.

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| Bill Herlovich 104 Manassess Court 423-3569 | Terrance Paulk 501 Grant Street 423-8783 paulkfirm@mchsi.com | Robert Levenson 112 Evergreen Hwy. 423-4533 | David Griffin 185 Van Deman Ct. 423-9851 426-6026 dgriffin@colonybank.com |
| Eddie Charles Lewis 111 Mathis Street 423-2883 | | | |

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Development Authority

***Voting Members**

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| *Mark Masee Mayor of Fitzgerald 302 E. Central Ave. 426-5036 fitzgeraldmayor@mediacombb.net | John Ed Smith Attorney at Law P.O. Box 308 423-2027 jayfirm@windstream.net | *Allen Conger Mana Nutrition 189 Seaboard RD. 423-8700 cconger@americanblanching.com |
| *George Ray Community Bank P.O. Box 130 423-4321 gray@cbcfitzgerald.com | Cam Jordan City of Fitzgerald 302 E. Central Ave. 426-5060 camjordan@mchsi.com | Betsy Giddens Executive Director Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce 423-9357 bgiddens@mchsi.com |
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| *Jason Holt Chairman Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Co. Chamber of Commerce 249 Ten Mile RD. 423-2033 funeralguy@gmail.com | | |

Ben Hill County Development Authority

Ronny Branch
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Delene Clark – (423-9151)
Ted Cowan

Charles Graham
Herbert Jones – (423-1027)
O.D. Netter – (426-5100)

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Ben Hill-Irwin Area Joint Development

Ben Hill County, City of Fitzgerald, Irwin County & City of Ocilla

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Ben Hill County Board of Health

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday in September, March and June; 2nd Wednesday in December.

Jim Turner
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Appointed by Ben Hill Co. Commissioners

Mark Masee
302 E. Central Ave.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
(Work) 426-5036
(Home) 423-2305
Length of term – while holding
Office as Mayor

Chairman Philip C. Jay, III
County Commissioner
225 S. Lee ST.
423-2490
philjayiii@aol.com
Length of term – while holding office

Appointed by Ben Hill Co. Commissioners
Warren Manley
P.O. Box 1447
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
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Appointed by City of Fitzgerald

Thelma Graham
P.O. Box 82
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(Home) 325-3363
Appointed by Ben Hill County

O.D. Netter (Vice Chair)
County Commissioner
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Dr. Robert Ludwick
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Monday – Thursday
7:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

Ben Hill County Board of Tax Assessors (www.benhillcounty.com)

The Board of Tax Assessors meet the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Tax Assessors conference room.

The Tax Assessor's Office investigates and values real and personal property subject to taxation in Ben Hill County. Duty and responsibility to keep up with technology, changing tax codes, methods, procedures, and local property values in order to produce an acceptable property tax digest. Counties are subject to financial penalties if the Georgia Department of Revenue finds the tax digest deficient.

www.benhillcounty.com/assessors
www.qpublic.net/ga/benhill

Alan Dixon
111 S Sheridan St
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
426-5147

Jasper Stewart, Chairman
111 S Sheridan St
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
426-5147

Bill Jacobs
111 S Sheridan St
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
426-5147

Chief Appraiser
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Real Property & Mapper Kathy Whaley, Appraiser II
Real Property Greg Freeman, Appraiser I
Mobile Home Inspector Jack Garner
Personal Property Glenda Geiger

Ben Hill County Department of Family & Children Services Board

Terms are for five years. Regular monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each odd numbered month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the offices of the Ben Hill County DFCS.

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Diane Bullard
Carlton Mahone
Anne Wood

Ben Hill County Court System

The Honorable Chris Hughes
Chief Superior Court Judge
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The Honorable Kristen W. Pack
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The Honorable Denise D. Fachini
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The Honorable Romelle Green Jr.
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The Honorable David Hobby
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dhobby@benhillcounty.com
Hours 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Magistrate Office

Magistrate & Chief Clerk Lisa Hudson McCard
Magistrate Robert Sherrell
Criminal Clerk Diane Duncan
Constable Michael Gaulden
Secretary Jamie Day

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Ben Hill County Extension Office

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Ben Hill County Building/Zoning Commission

The Building Maintenance Department provides the following services to Ben Hill County Residents:

- Maintain all county buildings and grounds
- Daily inspection of the quality of county owned wells and water supply
- In code enforcement, this office enforces county ordinances not handled by the Sheriff's Office, i.e. illegal dumping, abandoned or junked cars, old appliances, etc.

BOD

Tony Adkinson – County (424-0642)
C.C. Hall – City (423-8403)
John Ed Smith – City (423-2027)
Farise Taylor – County (423-7787)
Steve Taylor – City (423-8403)

Cindy Jeffery – Office Manager
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426-5149
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cjeffery@benhillcounty.com
Hours: 8:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Ben Hill County Board of Election & Registrations

The Board of Elections provides the following services for Ben Hill County Residents:

The Board of Elections registers all eligible citizens to vote, provide free voter id's, maintains districting maps for Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald. We also conduct all Federal, State and County wide elections, maintain election results, and uphold election laws regarding registration and voting.

To register to vote you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a legal resident of the county
- Be at least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 years of age to vote
- Not be serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude
- Have not been found mentally incompetent by a judge

BOD

Thelma Graham – County (325-3363)
Penson Kaminsky – Democratic Party (423-9280)
Gudrun Mills – Republican Party (423-2880)
David Walker – County (423-5021)
Danny Young – County (423-2435)

Cindi Dunlap
Board of Election
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cdunlap@benhillcounty.com
Hours : Monday through Friday

Ben Hill County Forestry Board

BOD

Steven Mitchell (423-9839)
Tim Kegebein (423-5066)
Milton Hopkins (423-4043)
Bill Luke (423-3406)
Chip Dorminy (468-9090)

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Ben Hill County Revolving Loan Fund Board

Gill Braddy – Attorney – (423-5139)
Scott Downing – Ben Hill Co. Commissioner – (426-5100)
Rick Jones – Member – (425-9850)
Cam Jordan – City of Fitzgerald – (426-5063)
O.D. Netter – Ben Hill Co. Commissioner – (426-5100)
Constance Manley – The Jessamine Place – (426-5205)
Roffie Sheppard – Member - (425-7385)

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www.benhillcounty.com/forms/RLFE.pdf
www.benhillcounty.com

Ben Hill County Airport Commission

Fitzgerald Municipal Airport (FZG) is located in South Central Georgia and lies within the boundaries of Ben Hill County. Over 5,000-feet of paved, lighted runway with a parallel taxiway which makes it convenient for corporate aircraft.

Fitzgerald Municipal Airport
Airport Manager: Mike Arena
125 Terminal Drive PO Box 963
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750
Office: (229) 426-5071
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fitzairport@mchsi.com

Commission

John Hageman – City (423-3271)
Jason Holt – City (423-0128)
Philip Jay – Ben Hill Co. Chairman (426-5100)
Mark Massee – City of Fitzgerald (426-5036)

Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Co. Department of Leisure Services

Joe Parrish – Director
816 N Main St
Fitzgerald GA 31750
Phone Numbers:
426-5050 and 426-5051

Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rain Number: 426-5053

BOD
Bill Bryant – City (423-2572)
Bobby Chasteen – County (426-5139)
Leroy Dunnom – County (423-9460)
John Luckie – City (423-4472)
Johnnie Pruitt – Appointed by BOD
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Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Co. Library

Sandy Hester
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BOD
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Anna Brown – City (423-3262)
Sherry Davis – County (423-9586)
Philip Jay- Ex Officio (426-5100)
Beth McQuaig - County (468-5517)
Mark Massee – Ex Officio (426-5033)
Marissa Melton – (425-0722)
Virginia Watson – City (423-9107)

Hours
Monday – Thursday
9:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday
9:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Dorminy Medical Hospital Authority

Hospital Authority

Susan Hughes
Charlene Lankford
Carol McDonald
Vanessa Melton
Lawton Tinley
Jennifer Turner
Joe Worthington

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Ben Hill Board of Education Members

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City of Fitzgerald – www.fitzgeraldga.org

Ben Hill County – www.benhillcounty.com