

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 1981
SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commission met this day in special session with the following members present, to-wit: Clayton Shiver, Chairman, Bobby Varnum, Donnell Whitfield, Jack Bowman and Monroe Cox.

Chairman Shiver called the meeting to order and stated the reason for the meeting was to cut the budget since the federal revenue sharing had been decreased by \$23,000.00, and the lawsuit filed by St. Joe Paper Company would decrease the ad valorem tax by approximately \$27,000.00.

Mr. Dewey Clemmons met with the Board and recommended that the Board accept bids for paving based on square yards.

After reviewing the budget, the board members agreed on the following cuts by line item:

513.49	-----	\$2,000.00	3710.537.40	-----	\$1,000.00
513.51	-----	3,000.00	545.44	-----	550.00
519.40	-----	1,050.00	553.40	-----	450.00
519.52	-----	3,000.00	572.49	-----	2,000.00
524.40	-----	1,000.00	519.46	-----	2,000.00
526.64	-----	500.00	511.49	-----	400.00
534.49	-----	4,000.00			

\$23,282.00 was also cut from Federal Revenue Sharing.

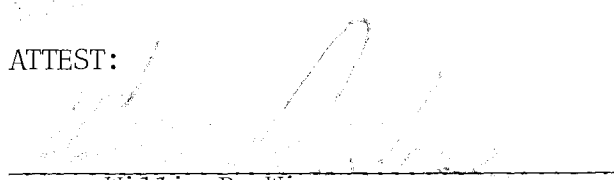
Chairman Shiver recommended the cuts, and the board members agreed.

The board also discussed the possibility of having to lay off some of the road crew. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

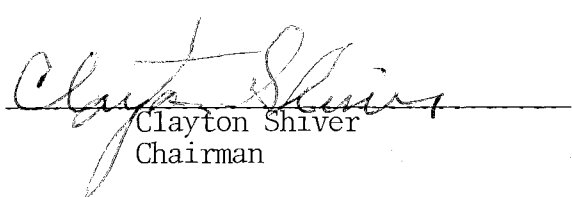
The board members were in session for 10 hours for this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Cox and duly carried to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:



Willie D. Wise
Clerk



Clayton Shiver
Chairman

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF February 17, 1981

The Board of County Commission met this day in regular session with the following members present, to-wit: Clayton Shiver, Chairman, Bobby Varnum, Jack Bowman, Donnell Whitfield and Monroe Cox.

Janet Dykes, Deputy Clerk, and Sheriff William G. Smith were present and acting.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Smith followed with prayer by Commissioner Bowman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and duly carried to have the gate open at the S. B. Atkins park.

Mr. Drew Peacock was present at the board meeting and spoke on behalf of Ellis Melvin for keeping his job as road superintendent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to keep Ellis Melvin as the road superintendent. Motion seconded by Commissioner Varnum.

Mr. Dan Breland was present at the meeting and spoke on the subject.

Ellis Melvin stated he was instructed to do work on a road by Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Whitfield informed Mr. Melvin if he did work on private property he would be fired. Hazel Smith wanted to know if you were told to do a job by a commissioner and you did it, how could you be fired for doing your job.

Commissioner Cox stated he had told Mr. Melvin to work on the road as it had been a public road for

Bobby Yon asked how much the county commissioner's salary was cut, and also wanted to know how much it took to keep up the parks.

Johnny Halley wanted to know what the ad valorem taxes were for last year and for this year.

Mrs. Ellis Melvin stated that everybody slacks off their job when the superintendent isn't there, and if you don't have a superintendent who will keep the work going.

Commissioner Cox stated he had to stick by his decision to lay off 4 road employees for budgetary reasons. Commissioner Whitfield stated he had to stick to his decision to lay off 4 road employees.

Commissioner Shiver said to not lay off anyone now, and to later close the road department if the money was not available.

A vote was called for regarding the layoff of 4 road employees. Commissioners Shiver, Bowman and Varnum voted "yes" to keep all employees and Commissioners Whitfield and Cox voted "no".

Commissioner Cox stated that when the road crew was in District 5 he would cooperate with the grader operator in getting the work done in case the road superintendent's position was cut. Commissioner Whitfield made the same statement as to District 1.

Chairman Shiver requested that Mr. Gene Carter be put in charge of the road patching. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to put Mr. Carter in charge of road patching.

Mr. Suggs inquired about the board maintaining the roads already built, and not building any new roads. He also inquired about a gas tax for Calhoun County for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The board said they had put a referendum on the ballot for a gas tax, and it was voted down 3 to 1.

Mike Stewart, professional engineer with the Department of Transportation, told the board he would like to be considered for the engineering services for the board. His address is: Route 1, Box 233, Bristol, Florida. Telephone ---643-5433 or Tallahassee 487-1700. The Board agreed to give all consideration to Mr. Stewart.

Mrs. Mellie Neel was present representing the Library Board.

Jay Hoyt Rackley asked why the culvert was removed from his property in Altha. Commissioner Varnum said the culvert was not being used and the County needed it elsewhere. Commissioner Varnum stated he would have the road crew Monday, and he would take care of the situation. Mr. Rackley also asked about the drainage on the property where he gave an easement on the J. P. Peacock Road. He stated all the water was draining on his property.

Chairman Shiver stated Blon Carter has contacted him about the road to his house. The culvert had fell in, and it was the only way he had to get to his home.

All the county commissioners stated that in case of any emergency, the road department is to take care of it.

Alice Daniels with the Community Action Agency brought reports on all services that can be obtained for this agency.

Commissioner Cox asked for the locations of the outreach stations. Mrs. Daniels advised the locations are Kinard, Clarksville, Altha and Chason. A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried for Alice Daniels to write letters to Don Fuqua, Leonard Hall, Dempsey Barron and Pat Thomas on behalf of the money funded for C.A.P.

Mr. Gene McClellan presented a letter to the Board on the sanitary landfill deadline. He also presented a letter from HUD stating no money could be spent inside the city limits.

Chairman Shiver suggested that HUD pay rent on the old Food Stamp office if it was not rented by anyone else. The board agreed to let HUD pay for space in the courthouse IF they could pay to use the old Food Stamp office.

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Commissioner Bowman informed the board that Simon Sewell is the new grader operator in his district replacing Marvin Goodwin who had resigned.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to advertise to rent office space in the courthouse.

The board decided to check with Bill Corbin, County Attorney, as to a resolution on raising court costs.

Commissioner Cox stated that Joe Durham had asked for places to be fixed where he delivers mail which is not on a county road or a state road.

Commissioner Shiver stated it had always been a policy of the board to service mail and school bus routes.

A vote was called for regarding the servicing of school bus and mail routes. Commissioners Cox, Varnum, Whitfield and Shiver voted "yes" and Commissioner Bowman voted "no" due to it being private property.

Commissioner Whitfield stated he needed a culvert 36" x 36' long for the Shuler dump road.

Commissioner Cox stated that the county paved River Street about 12 years ago, and that there are now holes in the road. He would like to know if the county is to keep up the patching or is the City of Blountstown to patch the area inside the city limits. Commissioner Whitfield said the agreement was for the county to keep the road up.

Commissioner Cox asked if the canning center would be in operation, and, if so, who would run it. After some discussion, the board decided to table the matter until the next meeting.


Commissioner Cox wanted to know the difference between a deed and a county easement. He was told that the land stays on the tax roll if you have an easement and gives a working right to the property.

Commissioner Whitfield stated he would not sign anymore vouchers until the budget was balanced.

FUND	VOUCHER NO.	AMOUNT
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	74-80	\$ 12,407.14
FINE AND FORFEITURE	26-27	211.45
GENERAL	254-270	118,712.18
COUNTY TIF #1	110-115	608.89

There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

ATTEST:



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