

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 1981

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

Willie D. Wise, Clerk, Deputy Sheriff Ronnie Stone and Attorney Bill Corbin were present and acting. The meeting was called to order by the Sheriff followed with prayer by Commissioner Varnum.

The bids were opened as advertised on the by-pass road in Altha.

Florida Asphalt -----	\$57,501.16
Baxter's Asphalt-----	59,314.60
Gulf Asphalt-----	52,127.06

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Bowman and duly carried to accept the low bid from Gulf Asphalt.

Chairman Shiver requested Mr. Cawthorn to explain his position as engineer regarding the suit filed ---Department of Environmental Regulation -vs- Calhoun County.

Commissioner Bowman questioned Attorney Corbin as to whether the first letter from DER was ever brought to the board's attention. Attorney Corbin read the letter he sent to DER, and stated he mailed a copy of the letter to the Clerk and to the chairman of the Board, who was Donnell Whitfield at that time.

Commissioner Varnum stated the first letter from DER was presented before the board at the time.

Mr. Don Johnson with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council met with the board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to adopt the Comprehensive Plan for Calhoun County..

Mr. Don Johnson requested the Board of County Commission to adopt a resolution designating a planning agency under the Transportation Disadvantaged Act. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to adopt said resolution. (FOR RESOLUTION, SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE BOOK 1, PAGE 4, SECTION D) Mr. Johnson stated that none of the county gas tax would be used under this plan.

Mr. Bob Watson with the Chamber of Commerce met with the board concerning zoning in the county. The board members stated that there was not any zoning regarding housing.

Mr. Jim Doyal met with the board concerning the county audit..

Chairman Shiver polled the board as to the action to be taken on the "pan". Commissioners Cox, Bowman and Varnum stated to send it back. Commissioners Whitfield and Shiver stated that the county should keep it.

Gene McClellan, Program Coordinator, made a report to the board on the HUD project.

Alvin Roberts made a report to the board on the canning center. He also stated that the board had lost \$5,500.00 plus the salary of 2 employees.

Gene Carter, Assistant Road Superintendent, made a report to the board on the secondary road department.

Ellis Melvin, County Road Superintendent, made a report to the board on the county roads.

Commissioner Bowman stated he would like to recommend to the board, and if necessary, make a motion that the board go on record today not to clear or push anymore road right-of-ways or build roads for land owners. Also, after the land owner has cleared the right-of-way to the specifications set forth by this board, and after an easement has been given to this county, then the board will accept the maintenance of said road upon approval of the Board of County Commission.

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Chairman Bowman stated as follows: You know we are short of monies in the Road and Bridge Fund. The only way I see for us to make it through this year is for us to revamp our road department, and that this board would agree that we cut back to 2 truck drivers with one of the truck drivers being able to operate the loader, 4 grader operators, and 1 dozer operator to keep the dumps clean and to be used on emergency wash-out of county roads etc., 1 mechanic and 3 men on secondary road patching with 2 trucks and 1 road superintendent for the entire road department. Also, that we cut down on hauling dirt to build roads, and would only haul dirt in case of emergency or wash-outs.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Bowman stated that he had several complaints concerning Harry Cumbaa leaving his equipment on the right-of-way on Hwy. 20 West.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varnum, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to accept an easement from Theo B. Gortemoller in Section 28, T2N, R10W, for a 60 ft. right-of-way.

Commissioner Bowman stated that a culvert was needed behind the Florida Department of Health and Rehab office on Hwy. 20 West.

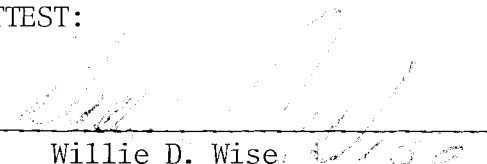
The minutes of the meeting held February 3, 1981, were read and approved.

Clerk Willie D. Wise presented the board with a financial statement as to the financial condition of the county budget and also stated to the board that the budget was in balance and had been since July 15, 1980, but the board still had to cut down on spending for the rest of the year in order to stay within the budget --- this being due to a \$23,000.00 cut in Federal Revenue Sharing and approximately \$27,000.00 due to the suit with St. Joe Paper Company. All commissioners agreed to do their share to help tighten the belt.

FUND	VOUCHER NO.	AMOUNT
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	81-91	\$10,451.46
GENERAL	277-298	19,130.03
HUD	87-95	5,108.47
COUNTY TTF #1	124-136	1,974.10
COUNTY TTF #2	2	50.00

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

ATTEST:

  
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Willie D. Wise  
Clerk

  
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Clayton Shiver  
Chairman