

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 7, 1986

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present to wit: Chairman Charles Richards, Commissioners Emmanuel Hires, Roy Bailey, Ronald Wood, and Drew Peacock.

Clerk Willie D. Wise, Deputy Clerk Gail O'Bryan, Attorney David House and Sheriff Smith were present and acting.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Smith and followed with prayer by Commissioner Peacock, and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of December 17, 1985 were read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Hires, and duly carried to accept the minutes of December 17, 1985, as read.

Commissioner Bailey asked Attorney House for a report on his meeting with School Supt. Howard Johnson, on the exchange of the Kinard School Property, for a portion of Sam B. Atkins Property. Attorney House stated Mr. Johnson had written a letter regarding same which he presented to the Board. Commissioner Bailey stated the school board has upgraded the property they lease at S. B. Atkins Park and the county has upgraded the Kinard School Property that they lease from the school board, and in his opinion the trade would be a good one.

Commissioner Wood stated he was in favor of continuing with the same lease and go ahead and upgrade the Kinard School Building. The Board was in agreement to continue the leases as they are now and instructed Attorney House to advise the school supt.

Mr. George Kearce met with the Board to present his application for employment as Court House Grounds Keeper on a part-time basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, and duly carried to hire Mr. George Kearce for the part-time position as grounds keeper under the direct supervision of Alvin Roberts.

Mr. Bob King, Bay Engineering, met with the Board to report on the status of the Oglesby Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, and duly carried to honor the agreement with the University of Florida, signed by the previous board members and pay Linda Barber her salary for the month of December. The Agreement between the University of Florida and the Board of County Commissioners is as follows: 'The policies established by the University of Florida, Board of Regents and followed by the University be used as a guide in granting annual, sick, civil and military leave for Extension personnel.'

Mr. Wayne Evans, with Wayne Evans Auctioneers, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of an auction on surplus property. Mr. Evans stated his firm would do all advertising at no cost to the county and his commission would be 15% of the total auction.

The Board agreed for Mr. Evans to get with the department heads and inventory surplus equipment to see if the county had enough surplus property to warrant an auction.

Mr. Gerald Frye was present at the Board Meeting and questioned the Board's procedure on shopping around for supplies and repairs.

Commissioner Richards stated when lightning struck the Senior Citizens Air conditioner, Commissioner Peacock purchased an air conditioner without the knowledge of the chairman or vice chairman from Whaley Heating & Air conditioning. He also stated when the heating system broke down in the Library, the department head of the Library called Whaley Heating & Air conditioning. After attempts by Whaley Heating & Air conditioning to repair it, the City of Blountstown worked on it for 4 hours; finally after attempts by the city, Alvin Roberts, Courthouse maintenance Supv. found out about the problem and found the system completely torn apart and at that time, called

Commissioner Bailey stated the previous board had instituted a policy of rotating business instead of shopping a round and this board practices this procedure as long as the departments heads are able to obtain parts on the rotating system in a timely fashion in order not to delay operations.

Mr. Frye questioned the board's purchase of a \$6.95 trailer ball which was purchased from Bryants Grocery and Saw.

Mr. Nathan Goodman, Civil Defense Director, stated he had gotten Johnny Bryant out of the bed at 2:00 am in order to purchase the trailer ball so that he could go look for a drowning victim.

Mr. Frye questioned the board as to why no bid was received on the low boy purchased by the board.

Attorney House advised the board not to answer any questions regarding this issue, since at a prior meeting, Mr. Jerry Guilford had stated it had been turned over to the States Attorney.

Commissioner Bailey stated he had received many calls about the Civil Defense Director not parking his truck at the road department.

Commissioner Hires stated the Civil Defense Director is on call 24 hours a day, and that his pick-up is parked but is not parked at the road department.

Commissioner Bailey stated he had many complaints regarding Sam B. Atkins Park regarding the locked gates. He stated he would like to see someone live at the park and oversee the gates.

Nathan Goodman stated he had been trying to get a Green Thumb position for the park.

Commissioner Bailey recommended that the board contact Winston Deason, Police Chief, and see if the City Police could lock the S. B. Atkins Park at night and have the county open it in the morning.

Sheriff Smith stated his department would close the park at night, if Nathan Goodman would open it up in the mornings. The Board agreed and decided to publicize the hours of 6-9 on drive in gates, with the walk-in gate open at all times. The Board also agreed for someone to move into the park again and use the county space in exchange for park supervision. Anyone moving into the park must have board approval first.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Hires, and duly carried to draw up a resolution protesting the new Liability Insurance Law passed by the State and requested that copies be sent to James H. Thompson, and to all neighboring counties. (FOR RESOLUTION, SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE BOOK 1, PAGE 7, SECTION I).

Mrs. Vonnice Duke, Tax Collector, met with the Board to discuss a delay of payment on her monthly requisition.

Clerk Wise explained the delay was caused due to a \$300,000.00 General Fund C.D. that was not due to mature at the time of the Tax Collector's requisition and he would not pull it out of the bank due to a penalty and the C. D. would earn the county about \$2300.00. Mrs. Duke agreed that this was only the second time her requisition had been delayed in her five years in office.

Commissioner Wood stated that 2 or so weeks ago, a letter had been received by the Board from an attorney representing Mrs. Fernwood (Faye) Bailey, requesting that she be re-instated and paid her back salary of \$240.00 per week. He stated that today he received a summons stating he, Commissioner Hires, and Commissioner Richards were being sued individually and collectively. He requested that all board members think over the situation and then schedule a meeting to decide the course of action for the Board to take.

Mr. Jerry Guilford met with the Board and questioned the sale of a jeep by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board stated the jeep was Civil Defense property and used equipment could be sold at anytime without a bid.

The Board agreed to notify the road supt., courthouse maintenance supv., building inspector and civil defense director to report to the 1st Board Meeting of each month in order to give a status report to the Board Members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, and duly carried to appoint Frank Stone to the Community Action Program Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Wood, and duly carried to accept the agreement between the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, and the Board of County Commissioners for the road department.

Clerk Wise presented a letter from Department of Community Affairs thanking then Chairman E. L. Hires for answering the findings of the Community Development Block Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Wood, and duly carried to draw up a Resolution protesting State of Florida purchasing tax paying land in Calhoun County.

The Board discussed the inside walling of the 50'x100' metal building. The Board agreed to compile a materials list and remit it to all 4 hardware stores in Blountstown, and ask them to submit written quotes for the price of the materials.

Mr. Logan Barbee, Calhoun County Extension Director, met with the Board to discuss Amnesty Program for Calhoun County. This program promotes an educational process for the disposal of hazardous waste.

A motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Hires, and duly carried to advertise as a package deal, materials, labor and liability insurance for the roofing repairs on the Kinard School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hires, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, and duly carried to adjourn. There being no further business to come before this body, the Board did then adjourn.

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ATTEST:

Willie D. Wise
WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk

Charles Richards
CHARLES RICHARDS, Chairman

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JANUARY 13, 1986

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present to wit: Chairman Charles Richards, Commissioner Emmanuel Hires, Roy Bailey, Ronald Wood, and Drew Peacock.

Clerk Willie D. Wise, Deputy Clerk Gail O'Bryan, Deputy Vickery, and Attorney David House were present and acting.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Vickery and followed with prayer by Commissioner Peacock and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Attorney House stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pending law suit in Federal Court-Faye Bailey vs. Board of County Commissioners and Manuel Hires, Ronald Wood, and Charles Richards, individually.

Attorney House stated the lawsuit could be settled by re-hiring Mrs. Bailey as weatherization coordinator at the rate of pay that she was being paid at the time of her termination, to pay her all of her back pay at the same rate of pay that she was being paid previously and to pay Lynn C. Higby, Esq. the sum of \$750.00 representing costs and attorney fees. Attorney House stated it was his opinion that the suit be settled by complying with the provisions mentioned. He stated the lawsuit would be costly to the county. He also stated if the provisions were met, the lawsuit would be dismissed. Attorney House also informed the Board that Mrs. Bailey could not be terminated unjustly or her position dissolved.