

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman, Dist. # 1  
Monroe Cox, Dist #. 5  
James A. Dillard, Dist. #. 2  
Truman Grnat, Dist. # 4  
Ellis Melvin, Dist. # 3

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk  
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant  
David H. House, Attorney  
William G. Smith, Sheriff

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

The Board discussed at length the clerk's reading of vouchers during a board meeting.

Clerk Wise stated if the vouchers are read and explained to the Board it should be done by the department heads that issue the P.O.'s and purchase the merchandise, as he could only advise what line items the merchandise was charged to not the reason for the purchase.

Mrs. Lucille Watford was present at the meeting to find out the intention of the board on returning the culvert and dirt that was removed by the Road Department off an old road on her property. She stated if the culvert is replaced and the dirt is hauled back that she would not sue the Board. She also requested notification when everything is put back.

Commissioner Melvin stated the old road was put in in 1979 or 1980 when he was road superintendent and Lloyd Tatum was County Commissioner. He said the county still owns and maintains the road since no legal procedure had been instituted to close the old road. He said he was willing to close the road and revert the property back to Mrs. Watford, but he could not give her the culvert since it was county property.

Commissioner Whitfield said he had contacted former county Commissioner Ronald Wood and was told by him that the county had not maintained the road since the new road was built and requested an opinion from the county attorney.

Attorney House recommended putting the pipe back as the board is within it's rights since the road has been publically used since 1979.

Commissioner Cox stated it had always been his contention that when an easement is given it is a working easement and not a deed, and therefore if the road is abandoned the property would revert back to the property owner.

Commissioner Grant and Commissioner Dillard stated they had no problem with putting the pipe back in on the old road.

Mrs. Watford again agreed if a pipe and dirt was replaced, she would accept it and not bring suit against the county.

Commissioner Whitfield polled the board on replacing the pipe and dirt.

Commissioner GRant - yes  
Commissioner Melvin - no  
Commissioner Cox - yes  
Commissioner Whitfield - yes

A group of property owners residing on the Parrish LAke road thanked Commissioner Whitfield and the Board for the improvement in the Parrish Lake road.

Vanits Anderson, Danny Bracewell and Jimmy Holley Senior Citizens Asso. met with the Board to request permission to apply for \$5,300 Community Service Block Grant and to use the Kinard Community Center as a meal site. The Board agreed by consensus to the above requests. Mrs. Anderson stated she needed additional space for an employee and asked if the Board could find space for the sheriff to store his records the are presently being stored in the Senior Citizens building so that space could be utilized for office space.

After discussion, Sheriff Smith adreed to find another place to store his records.

Carlton Smith, Community Action Program Coordinator was present at the Board meeting to ask if when grants become available, if the Board would advertise so that all agencies are aware of the grants.

Attorney House state that Mr. Gene McClellan had been hired by the board as grants Coordinator on a percentage basis and directed coach Smith to see him.

Tony Arrant, presented the Board with Calhoun Counties local goverment comprehensive plan, evaluation and appraisal.

The Board agreed to review the Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and appraisal and after review for Mr. Arrant to meet with the Board at a special meeting for discussion.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

The Board reconvened.

Laddie Williams, Dr. Murray Baker, Pat Whitfield of Calhoun General Hospital was present at the meeting to discuss ambulance service and a match grant for the same. The grant would be for \$84,705.58 with the counties share of \$42,352.79. The grant would provide for a top of the line ambulance and new communications service.

Commissioner Whitfield stated Florida statutes states the Board of County Commissioner is responsible for the ambulance service and if the county does not comply, the state could fine the county and also hold the state revenue sharing funds for CALhoun County, Therefore, he recommended the Board finding the money for the match grant for ambulance service.

After discussion, motion by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried 5-0 to amend line item 545.49 by \$42,352.79 and transfer to line item 526.36 in order to match grant for ambulance service.

Commissioner Whitfield and Commissioner Dillard commended the Board of Trustees and Medical Staff of Calhoun General for the tremendous job they are doing turning the hospital around.

Alvin Roberts, Courthouse Maintenance Super. was present at the board meeting to report that JTPA would pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the salary of an employee to help him in maintenance. The Board agreed by consensus to allow Alvin Roberts to hire a JTPA worker to help him.

Mr. Roberts reported that that drawing for the Courthouse roof are almost finished and he would have a cost report at the next board meeting.

Lynwood Heron, met with the Board to give the Board a report on the DCA water works grant application. He reported the grant was denied by a miscalculation. He stated it was a good application and recommended it be corrected and be re-submitted in 9 or 10 months.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that a notice of intention to consider adoption of ordinance relating to disposal of solid waste had been placed for advertisement in the county record. Attorney H0use presented bid specifications for solid waste disposal and recommended the the Board study the bid specs and meet back for discussion on same, Thursday January 19th at 6:00 P.M.

The Board discussed strapping for newly resurfaced roads. The Board agreed for Commissioner Cox to contact Premier Stripping of Naples to do stripping on Chipola Road, Highway 392, Lingard Road, South Pear Street and Hwy 274.

See attached letter and quote.

Commissioner Whitfield appointed Patty O'Bryan as District one's committee person on the planning commission.

Commissioner Whitfield presented letters from HRS:

RE: awarding of Calhoun County Public Health  
Department \$1,200.00 for primary Care Program.

Commissioner Whitfield instructed the Clerk to ask Baskerville-Donovan Eng. to meet with the Board at the next regular meeting to discuss close out procedures.

The minutes of January 3rd, January 10th, and January 13th were read and approved.

The board did adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Willie D. Wise, Clerk

  
S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman