

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Donnell Whitfield, Chairman  
James M. Dillard  
Ellis Melvin  
Willie T. Grant  
Monroe Cox

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk  
Janice Horton, Deputy Clerk  
Joyce Riddle, Deputy Clerk  
William G. Smith, Sheriff

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

Howard Johnson addressed the board on the Panhandle Pioneer Historical Organization. Mr. Johnson stated that this project is chartered in the Judge's Office. The contact person for this organization is Willard Smith. Hub Chason addressed the board concerning the Panhandle Pioneer Historical Organization. He presented the board with a display of artifacts. Mr. Johnson presented the board with a diagram of the settlement.

Pat Blackshere with Northwest Florida Water Management District addressed the board on the different programs funded by the state, i.e. Agriculture facility, and water ways.

Dan Penton, Northwest Florida Water Management addressed the board on several topics concerning the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers and presented the board with 1989, 1990 Hunting Regulations. The board objected to the closing of the management areas to foot travel only, and also objected taking real property off the tax roll. Mr. Penton advised he would look into the matter and bring it to the attention of the board. He stated the contact persons on the governing board are Chuck Roberts, Bristol, Florida and L. E. McMullin, Bascom, Florida.

Commissioner Whitfield presented weatherization bids: (see attached bids)

	<u>C. B. Wood</u>	<u>Gene Bailey Div.</u>
Guilford	\$832.00	\$1125.00
Mead	425.00	750.00
Vickery	660.00	699.00
Woods	670.00	749.00
Parsons	715.00	680.00
Griffin	791.00	950.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Grant and duly carried to accept the low bid on each house.

Danny Ryals addressed the board on Calhoun Fibreboard, re: cleaning up the area and/or ponds before operation. Danny Ryals stated the Calhoun Fibreboard was to meet with the Board of County Commissioners on this date. At this time no one has come forward to answer the questions.

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Julian Webb addressed the board concerning the CDBG grant. Comm. Whitfield stated that if he gets the grants, he gets paid. A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and duly carried to hire Julian Webb to apply for grants and to be paid from percentage of admin. upon receipt of grant.

Commissioner Whitfield presented letters:

- 1). Letter from Barbara Davis, the Calhoun County Tax Collector
- 2). Agricultural Industrial Development Authority
- 3). Veterans Administration

Commissioner Melvin requested a weatherization report once a month to be presented at board meetings. He would also like a telephone log for weatherization, how much money is being spent, a list of everybody who applied for weatherization, a list of every house that was weatherized, who picked them, and why they were picked. Faye Bailey was present at the meeting and asked Commissioner Melvin why just Faye and Fernwood Bailey had to fill out monthly reports and no other supervisor has been requested to do so. Commissioner Melvin replied that this was not personal. Mrs. Bailey said you're a damn liar, it is personal, I worked under you in 1981 and you have harassed me the whole time, I could tell more but I'm not going to lower myself to your level. Mrs. Bailey wanted to poll the board to see if they wanted a report. Commissioner Whitfield replied if he wanted a report he would go downstairs and request one and also for Faye to put one in Commissioner Melvin's box each month. Commissioner Cox said he did not want to be responsible for picking out people's houses, Faye goes by the guidelines, and by her doing this it takes the politics out of it and the pressure off of him. Commissioner Dillard approves of the way Faye is performing her duties. Commissioner Grant said as long as Mrs. Bailey is satisfying Mr. Smith in Tallahassee, it is alright with him.

Commissioner Melvin asked if the county could buy Darryl Melvin's vacation since he is unable to take off. Attorney House said he would check in same.

July 5, 1989 minutes were presented for approval. During reading of same, Commissioner Melvin stated he had previously voted yes to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Blountstown, re: city's use of well at S. B. Atkins Park, however he was recinding his yes vote in the July 5 minutes due to lease was not presented prior to the meeting. Minutes of July 14 were read and approved, as amended.

Road Supt. Fernwood Bailey presented the board with his monthly log. Mr. Bailey asked the board if they wanted the Green Dump Truck to be fixed, and stated it would cost about \$4,000.00. Commissioner Whitfield stated Fernwood Bailey had received 2 quotes, one from Ring Power and one from Thompson Tractor, both being for \$4539.75. A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and carried 4-1, with Commissioner Melvin voting no, to accept quote from Thompson Tractor. Commissioner Melvin stated his no vote was because he felt that much money needed to be advertised, and it was not.

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Commissioner Melvin and Fernwood Bailey had a lengthy discussion on the number of days worked in his district. Commissioner Cox said Mr. Bailey had worked 18 days in Commissioner Melvin's district and 12 days in Commissioner Dillard's district. Comm. Melvin stated 3 days were emergency time, 10 days regular time and other time was spent on the White Pond Road. Commissioner Melvin wanted emergency time declared. A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Dillard, and motion carried 4-1 for the road and bridge supt. to go look at the situation and if he felt it was an emergency, he would report it to the chairman the chairman would at that time declare it emergency time. Comm. Melvin voted no.

Commissioner Melvin wanted to know why bumper strips have not been put on Chipola River Bridge. Commissioner Whitfield advised the road supt. when the weather is suitable to put them down and also put bumper strips at S. B. Atkins Park and a sign on Gaston Spivey Road.

Commissioner Whitfield presented the board with job applications for 3 vacant truck driving positions. Fernwood Bailey had made three recommendations, as follows: Robert Charles Cooner, Ira Ernest Duncan, and Wallace Howard. Commissioner Dillard advised that since Mr. Bailey had to work with them he would go with his recommendations. A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and carried 4-1 to accept the road supt. recommendation. Commissioner Melvin voting no, stating there is no money for labor when other things are needed. Commissioner Cox stated the reason he voted for the recommendation was that the Clerk had stated the road and bridge fund was in good shape for this year. Comm. Whitfield said the new employees would need a physical, a doctors release, put on 6 months probation and to go over the rules and regulations with them. Commissioner Whitfield clarified to the audience why three positions were open, one employee had died, two having retired, and one being on workers compensation.

Harold Montford, Wayne Martin, and Park Trammell questioned the financial statement of the hospital that was due to the Board of County Commissioners June 30, 1989 and requested that the board take immediate action to obtain a financial statement. Commissioner Whitfield stated that it had not been received.

There being no further business to come before this group, they did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

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WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk

  
DONNELL WHITFIELD, Chairman