

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 1990

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman  
Commissioner Ellis Melvin  
Commissioner Truman Grant

Commissioners Baudie Dillard and Monroe Cox were absent due to Doctors appointment and illness.

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk  
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant  
J. David House, County Attorney  
Roman Wood, Deputy

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

Vanita Anderson was present at the meeting for presentation and signature on a community service block grant application.

Motion by Commissioner Grant to submit the application to DCA for Community Service Block Grant in the amount of \$5,391.00 to be administered by Calhoun County Senior Citizens Assoc.

seconded by Commissioner Melvin and carried 3-0.

Commissioner Whitfield reported that Jake Belin, Nemours Foundation, had requested plans for the Old Health Department. He said the foundation was interested in leasing the Health Department for a Childrens Clinic until the Foundation could build a clinic for the children.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Melvin and seconded by Commissioner Grant to enter into a lease agreement with the Nemours Foundation on the Old Health Department for a childrens Clinic, lease to be renewed yearly. Motion was carried 3-0.

The Board discussed cable T.V. franchise and after discussion, decided to accept bids for same on February 6, 1990 at 3:00 P.M.

Attorney House gave a brief summary on the status of the White Pond area; Notice of violation and corrective action filed by DER. Attorney House reported he had spoken with Rep. Robert Trammell and Rep. Trammell had contacted Bob Kriegel, DER and that the end results of the conversation was for Commissioner Melvin to draw up a corrective plan of action and to submit it to DER in lieu of retaining engineers for the project.

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After discussion Commissioner Melvin said he feels he could correct the situation, however, he is not an engineer, has had very little cooperation from the Board on the problem and therefore does not feel comfortable in writing DER, submitting drawings and time frames. He stated he felt Mr. Craigs problem could be taken care of with a pipe and would not agree to by-pass Mr. Craig. He said if the Board agreed to placing a 24" pipe to replace the underground pipe on Mr. Craigs property in order to channel the water, and if he had 100% cooperation from the Board and the Road Department for his corrections, he would submit drawings to DER.

After much discussion on White Pond, Engineers and Corrective action on White Pond, Commissioner Whitfield recommended and Commissioner Grant agreed to accept Commissioner Melvins corrective actions and to submit to DER Commissioner Melvins Corrective Actions and recommendations on White Pond problem and for the road crew and prisoners to be utilized for as long as necessary to correct the problem in lieu of hiring engineers for the problem.

Commissioner Melvin stated he would draw up plans detailing what he feels needs to be done, including check downs, extending back slopes, grassing slopes, getting dirt out and etc. for submission to DER. He stated he would work with Attorney House on the corrective action. The Board authorized the County Attorney to write a letter to DER outlining corrective action for White Pond.

Commissioner Whitfield presented bids received for Gas test probe and Landfill final cover. He stated only one bid had been received for each item and it was from Southern Earth Sciences, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida (See Attached Bids).

Motion by Commissioner Melvin seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to accept low bid from Southern Earth Sciences, Inc. for \$605.00 for landfill final cover.

Motion by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Melvin and carried to accept low bid from Southern Earth Sciences for gas test probe in the amount of \$1,855.00

Ella Brown, Baskerville-Donovan Engineers, made a status report to the Board on the closure plan for the sanitary landfill.

Commissioner Melvin and the Board discussed his travel expenses to the County Commissioners Convention in Marco Island. After discussion, Clerk Wise stated he had researched the issue and since the Board does not have a written policy relating to commissioners travel, he recommended paying the travel expense voucher.

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Clerk Wise stated the Association of Counties are holding a three day conference in St. Johns County on February 14-16 and they will be holding a small county caucus and recommended that someone from the Board attend. He also stated a 25 county meeting was scheduled for January 26, 1990 in Tallahassee regarding seeking new revenues.

After more discussion on payment of Commissioner Melvins travel, Motion by Commissioner Melvin to pay his travel to the County Commissioners meeting in Marco Island.

Commissioner Grant stated he would not second the motion until the other two Commissioners were present because he felt they had input regarding payinf of same.

Motion died for lack of second.

Attorney House reported on gas tax percentages due the county, City of Blountstown and Altha.

Commissioner Melvin stated he was not going to be the Engineer on the White Pond Road and he was not going to recommend it and wanted his other statement regarding his agreeing to submit drawings to DER stricken from the record.

Clerk Wise presented a letter from Senator Vince Brunner asking the County to list their goals and needs so that he can work on them during appropriations.

Clerk Wise stated the Library desired to use the Old Hud Store for storage. He said there was the possibility of getting a green thumb worker there and the worker could also watch the park at that location.

Motion by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Melvin and carried to allow the Calhoun County Library System to use to Old Hud Store, Hugh Creek.

The Board authorized the Clerk to check into cost for partial carpet replacement in certain areas of the Courthouse.

The minutes of January 3, 1990 were read and approved as read.

Clerk Wise presented invoices received from National Revenue Corp. during the period Calhoun County had complete control of the hospital and he recommended that they be submitted to Pete Heintz, Calhoun General for payment.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

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WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

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S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN