

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 20, 1990

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
J. David House, County Attorney

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

Commissioner Whitfield reported on the flood conditions in Calhoun County.

Commissioner Whitfield opened the public hearing regarding the adoption of a 6¢ gas and fuel tax ordinance. Approximately 8 citizens were present. Mrs. Charlene Bushor, J. Carl Griffin, Mr. Maston and Commissioner Melvin expressed opposition to the gas tax.

Mr. Dan Dubroff was present and expressed support of the gas tax.

The Board tabled the gas tax hearing until later in the meeting in order for Civil Defense Director, James M. White to report to the board, re: flood conditions. Accompanying Mr. White was Sheriff Smith, Mayor Finley Corbin, of the City of Blountstown, and Police Chief Winston Deason. Director White stated an emergency condition was caused by the flooding of the Apalachicola River and requested the board to pass an emergency resolution requiring mandatory evacuation of certain areas of Calhoun County and defined the areas as follows: Patterson Street, Fern Street, Ivey Street, Mahaw Drive, Canal Lane, Lockwood Ave., Palm Street and Houston Street. Director White also asked that the Calhoun County Courthouse be declared an emergency shelter and represented to the Board that the same would be managed by the American Red Cross.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Comm. Dillard, and duly carried to adopt a Resolution declaring and directing emergency mandatory evacuation of the above described areas and also designating the Calhoun County Courthouse as an evacuation shelter to be managed by the American Red Cross.

Silas Green, the County Veterans Officer was present and made a report on the Veterans Office.

Commissioner Whitfield read Ordinance 90-3 implementing the Department of Community Affairs Revolving Loan Fund Purpose; background, program overview; goals and objectives; eligibility requirements, speculation activities, loan administration board, loan selection approval and servicing process; civil rights; environmental considerations; relocations; flood hazard insurance; access for the handicapped.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Dillard, and duly carried to adopt Ordinance 90-3.

Commissioner Cox reported that he had met with Charlotte Lima with the Calhoun County Planning Commission and they had agreed for the Planning Commission to use Room 309 for the meeting. He said he had obtained tables and filing cabinets and that Marsha Harpool had agreed to be secretary to the Commission if approved by the Board.

The Board agreed by consensus to all of the above and to hire Marsha Harpool as Planning Commission's Secretary.

Commissioner Whitfield presented weatherization bids received from Bailey's Diversified, C. F. Bailey, Jr. and Weldon Parrish.

....see attached bids

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and duly carried to award each individual house to low bidder and on the tie bid for the 2 low bidders to flip a coin to decide who is awarded that house.

Attorney House presented a letter from DER, re; draft consent order concerning the White Pond matter.

Attorney House reported he and Mike Tucker, C.P.A. recommended that the board hold the remainder of the \$250,000.00 grant for the hospital.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, but died for lack of second to adopt a Resolution rolling over the \$300,000.00 loan at C & L Bank due on the hospital. This motion died for lack of second, due to fact Commissioner Grant was called out on a flood emergency and could not vote.

The board again opened discussion on Ordinance 90-2, relating to the assessment of a 6¢ per gallon gasoline and fuel tax, to be known as the "Local Option Gas Tax".

After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Dillard seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to adopt County Ordinance 90-2. Commissioners Whitfield and Melvin voted no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and duly carried to adopt a Resolution to renew the \$300,000.00 note owed to C & L Bank of Blountstown on the hospital. Commissioners Melvin and Dillard voted no.

Commissioner Whitfield presented bids received on can flatner and slidder belt conveyer from C. P. Manufacturing, National City, California, and Florida Equipment and Machinery Company, Lakeland, Florida.

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The Board tabled the bids until James White can review the bids as to specifications.

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The Board discussed the excellent job that James M. White is doing for the county as Civil Defense Director and grants coordinator. Commissioner Melvin recommended that the coordinator fee in the recycling and education grant be paid to Mr. White since he wrote and administers the grant. The board agreed by consensus to pay the coordinators fee in recycling grant to James M. White.

The board discussed needed repairs at county parks and agreed by consensus to replace 2 bulbs for tennis court at 4 Mile Creek Park for \$60.00.

Commissoner Whitfield presented the following:

- 1). Letter from the Department of National Resources, re; FL Boating Improvement Program Allocations
- 2). Letter from ARPC, re, part-time employee Marsha Harpool
- 3). Letter, re; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Provention Program
- 4). Letter from Dr. Grayson Snyder, re; ditching easement
- 5). Letter from Bill A. Corbin, re; Amos Lee -vs- Calhoun County
- 6). Letter from Vince Brunner, re: sales tax
- 7). Letter from DER, re; used oil recycling
- 8). Letter from Baskerville-Donovan Engineering, re; Apalachee River Basin Agricultural Park
- 9). Letter from DER, re; amnesty days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Comm. Grant, and duly carried to approve the minutes of March 6, 1990.

Mrs. Cupid McClellan was present and asked for a copy of a Performance Bond.

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

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk

DONNELL WHITFIELD, Chairman