

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1997

PRESENT AND ACTING:

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN
PACK BOWDEN
FRED ATTAWAY
DUANE CAPPS
TRUMAN GRANT
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK
BOBBY GARRISON, DEPUTY

Meeting was called to order by Deputy Garrison prayer by Commissioner Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There was a moment of silence in memory of former County Commissioner Clayton Shiver.

Minutes of November 4, 1997 and Planning Commissioner Minutes for November 4, 1997 were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden for Chairman Whitfield to remain Chairman of the BCC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried.

A motion by Commissioner Attaway to nominate Commissioner Bowden as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried.

Don A. O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator addressed the Board in reference to Willis Bridge. O'Bryan stated there was erosion on the East side of the Bridge. O'Bryan ask for permission to get rip rap and sod to slow down the erosion problems on both sides of the bridge. O'Bryan stated that erosion was a result of design failure. Commissioner Whitfield stated that the contractor was responsible for the project for one year. After discussion Commissioner Attaway made a motion to contact the contractor to fix the erosion and if they will not agree to pay the bills O'Bryan is to amend the CDBG-Willis Bridge Grant and pay the invoices from this grant, seconded by Commissioner Bowden and carried.

O'Bryan presented the Board with a Resolution Opposing the Reduction of Funding for Recycling and Education Grants in Calhoun County, Florida. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway to approve resolution, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried.

O'Bryan presented for signature an ARPC Contract regarding local mitigation strategy and the BCC agreed to enter into contract with ARPC.

Marilyn Russell with Senior Citizens presented a medicaid transportation bill for payment to the Board. After discussion the Board stated that the bill was not included in the budget and there was no money for payment. Commissioner Whitfield ask that Ms. Russell draft a letter to medicaid requesting payment.

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Ms. Russell asked if the Senior Citizens could use half of the equipment room at Sam Adkins Park concession stand for storage. Commissioner Whitfield stated that a workshop would be called in

January to discuss this and other problems at Sam Adkins Park.

Demonic Fisch addressed the Board and requested a refund of \$1,500. for a Building Permit. Attorney Fuqua stated it would be a bad presidence to start refunding money. Commissioner Bowden stated that he would like to work with Mr. Fisch, but that his building will have to come in compliance with the Standard Building Code.

Joey Brady with the Division of Forestry gave the Board an update on the Forestry Department. Mr. Brady stated that the Forestry decided not to renew the lease on the Altha Tower. Commissioner Whitfield stated that the station equipment should go to the Altha Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Brady was in agreement.

Commissioner Bowden stated that Steve Harvac was working on a Citizenship Merit Badge with the Boy Scouts of America. Bowden stated that Steve would observe the action of the Board and write a paper to help earn his badge.

Harold Montford, Chairman of the Juvinile Justice (F.I.T.) Grant addressed the Board in reference to the F.I.T. Committee and Danny Wise Coordinator for F.I.T. working out problems with the program. Mr. Montford stated that Mr. Wise and Harry Hagan attended a meeting with the F.I.T. Board and felt that all were in agreement to work together. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Wise stated that he could not work with the F.I.T. Board due to Gail Dalati stating that he did not have the personality to work with the Board. Ms. Dalati stated that she could abstain from being a voting member if the grant could go forward. A Motion was made by Commissioner Attaway to turn the Juvinile Justice Grant over to Logan Barbee, County Extension if the Juvinile Justice Department would accept this recommendation, motion seconded by Commissioner Bowden with Whitfield and Attaway voting yes and Commissioners Grant, Capps and Bowden voting no.

Commissioner Whitfield asked Mr. Montford if any reports had been filed in Tallahassee. MR. Montford stated that none had been filed. Mr. Montford stated that he found it hard to believe that the BCC was firing the F.I.T. Board and keeping the Coordinator Mr. Wise. A Motion was made by Commissioner Bowden to provide Mr. Wise with a ten (10) day notice of termination, continue the Grant with F.I.T. and re-advertise for F.I.T. Coordinator upon termination of Mr. Wise and the recommendation of the F.I.T. Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Grant with Commissioners Attaway and Whitfield voting no and Commissioners Capps, Bowden and Grant voting yes.

Chairman Whitfield ask the F.I.T. Board to prepare letter of termination for Commissioners Bowden's signature. Mr. Montford stated that he and the F.I.T Board appreciated the County Commissioners vote of confidence.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that Allen Boyd asked the Board members to attend a luncheon at J & N Sports Bar and directly afterwards attend a presentation of the Bronze Star to William Brantley on the Steps of the Courthouse at 1:00 P.M.

Attorney Fuqua brought to the Boards attention problems with ordinances since 1992. After lengthy discussion the Board was in agreement for Attorney Fuqua to contact Clerk Wise concerning the problems and report back to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

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Commissioner Bowden addressed the Board in reference to the Harold O'Bryan mobile home. Attorney Fuqua was directed to write a letter to DCA in reference to CDBG Demolition/Harold O'Bryan.

Commissioner Capps stated that a bid for Chipola Workforce Development Board, Inc. was submitted for office space for a One-Stop Workforce Development Center. Commissioner Capps stated that there had been some controversy as to whether the Board could bid on this project. Capps stated that Chipola is a non-profit organization and it was legal for Calhoun County to place a bid. Board of Commissioners directed a letter be written by Don A. O'Bryan Grants Coordinator as to why the Boards bid was not accepted.

A letter from the Union was presented and discussed and the Board decided to table letter until the County Attorney was present.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that on November 25, 1997 at 5:30 a Public Hearing would be held in reference to the CDBG Hud Grant in the County Extension Office. Commissioner Whitfield stated that all Commissioners should attend.

Correspondence:

- DCA - 1. Letter in reference to Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for Prisoners Held in Local Correctional Facilities Grant Program.
2. Public Workshop - Dept. of Environmental Protection
3. Florida Counties Foundation
4. Office of the Governor
5. FPLIPA - Florida Petroleum Liability Insurance
6. ARPC - Workshop
7. CREEC

Commissioner Attaway read letter from Carr-Volunteer Fire Dept. in reference to building a new Fire Department (see attached letter).

Commissioner Attaway requested a letter be sent to Lynwood Herron as to why he did not meet with the Board in reference to the CDBG Closeout.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

ATTEST:


WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN