

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 24, 1998

PRESENT AND ACTING:

PACK BOWDEN  
FRED ATTAWAY  
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD  
DUANE CAPPS  
TRUMAN GRANT, ABSENT  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Whitfield.

Mr. David Belanger, River Valley Foods, Inc. addressed the Board in reference to an Assignment of Lease. After lengthy discussion the Board asked that a clause be added for an inspection of the Plant and the machinery. Mr. Belanger agreed to pay the Industrial Cost for water and sewage treatment.

The Board directed Clerk Wise and Mr. Belanger to make sure that all equipment is in place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to enter into an assignment of lease with River Valley Foods, Inc. contingent upon the inspection.

Mr. Belanger stated the he was looking at a start up date of April 1, 1998.

Don A. O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator presented an emergency update on the El Nino Weather Events.

There was one bid presented on Debris Removal from Argus, Inc. In the amount of \$120.00 per ton. A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Bowden and carried to accept low bid from Argus, Inc. which was the only bid presented.

The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to write a contract on Debris removal.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board at length how the BCC could deal with the DSR's. Mr. Cooner, Road Superintendent will be responsible for inspecting all affected areas. After the inspection with Mr. Cooner and FEMA he is to initial the DSR's and meet with Mr. O'Bryan before any are signed off on. After Mr. O'Bryan reviews the DSR's he will contact each Commissioner and brief them on the DSR's. Each Commissioner will get with Mr. Cooner and brief him on the roads that are to be fixed.

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Mr. O'Bryan presented a memo in reference to the March Flood-'98 DSR's. The memo states that Mr. O'Bryan will be the Authorized representative for the BCC on the Disaster Survey Reports (DSR).

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Mr. O'Bryan stated that Tony Arrant was in litigation and will meet with the Board at a later date.

Mr. Martin Sewell, Supervisor of Elections addressed the Board in reference to County Wide Voting. Attorney Fuqua stated that the Board had two options.

1. Rescind the prior action or petition the court to re-open the case at a cost of approximately \$50,000.
2. Go forward on the ruling to show cause at approximately \$15,000.

Mr. Sewell stated that he had been in touch with the State Elections Office. The Elections Office stated that the judge would have to decide if the County could go to at large voting.


Attorney Fuqua recommended to the Board to rescind the prior motion and go back to single member districts. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowden, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried unanimously to rescind the Boards action on at large voting and to remain single member districts.

Commissioner Capps stated that due to Attorney Fuqua's advise of the excessive cost of \$50,000. to over \$150,000., the review of the County's Budget, the Emergency condition of the County, and that the County does not have a ruling on the 12.5% match for the impact of the flooding and also, no statement from the Supervisor of Elections Office stating his position on the issue, at this time, against my personal feelings I voted to rescind the motion and the Board concurred.

The Board request that the Supervisor of Elections send a letter from his office and the State Supervisor of Elections stating their opinion that was stated orally by Mr. Sewell.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn at 4:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

  
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S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN

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