

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 4, 1999
MINUTES

PRESENT AND ACTING:

COMMISSIONERS:

EARL HUNT
FRED ATTAWAY
DUANE CAPPS
DONNELL WHITFIELD
TRUMAN GRANT

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK

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

Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor addressed the Board with an emergency situation at the Calhoun County Jail. Mr. Roberts stated that the plumbing at the jail was in very bad shape. There are two lavatories with no water and one shower with no water. Mr. Roberts recommended to the Board obtaining an estimate for fixing the problems. After discussion the Board appointed Commissioner Hunt, Sheriff Smith, and Maint. Supt. Alvin Roberts to research the problem and report back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Attorney Fuqua read the following ordinances aloud for adoption.

1. Ordinance # 02 - Dissolving the Calhoun County General Hospital/ Calhoun-Liberty County Hospital District; Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date.
2. Ordinance # 03 - Prohibiting the removal of trees from Public Property; Providing for Penalties, Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried with Commissioner Attaway voting no to adopt Ordinance # 99-03. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried with Commissioner Capps voting no to adopt Ordinance # 99-02.

Commissioner Capps updated the Board on grader bids. Commissioner Capps stated that John Deere was asking \$201,450. with trade in, Caterpillar \$256,194. and Tractor and Equipment (Gallion) \$151,424. Commissioner Attaway asked if anyone had met all the specifications. Mr. O'Bryan stated that the staff had scored all vendors. Commissioner Attaway stated he had spoken with Bay County BCC and had good reports on the Gallion. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to accept low bid from Tractor and Equipment (Gallion) in the amount of \$151,424.00. Commissioner Whitfield asked if three graders could be bought. Attorney Fuqua stated that the third grader

would have to be advertised. Commissioner Whitfield stated he had to represent the tax payers of the County and vote for Gallion. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried with Commissioner Grant voting no, to accept low bid.

Mr. O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator/Emergency Mgt. Director updated the Board in reference to the Y2K Summit. Mr. O'Bryan presented the Board with a survey showing where Calhoun County stands on Y2K. Mr. O'Bryan recommended the Board appoint a Liaison to the Governor's Office. After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan recommended the Board hire Billy Hires as the Y2K Coordinator. After discussion the Board tabled discussion.

Mr. O'Bryan stated the OPS employee in his office has resigned her position with Emergency Management. Mr. O'Bryan asked permission to advertise for a full-time employee, temporary for six months with the salary being paid from the EMPA Grant. After discussion a motion was by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to advertise for the position.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board in reference to a raise for Renee Tolley. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to increase Ms. Tolley's salary.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board in reference to the ElNino Grant. Commissioner Whitfield asked where they were on John Redd and Parrish Lake Roads. Mr. O'Bryan stated that the Environmental Assessment had been completed. The dredge and fill process is being done for John Redd Road. When this is complete a DSR will be written for both John Redd Road and Parrish Lake Road.

Shannon Segers, Account stated that an self audit was being conducted on all DSR's and that he expected another 40 to 60 hours to complete and be ready for DCA. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Segers to report back at the next regular meeting.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on the Agri-Park permit. Mr. O'Bryan presented the Board with a letter from DEP. All the paper work necessary for the permit renewal is in Pensacola and we are waiting on the reply.

Recess at 3:15 P.M.

Reconvened at 3:35 P.M.

Martin Sewell, Supervisor of Elections addressed the Board in reference to updating the voting system in the County. Mr. Sewell stated the the change over would be approximately \$100,000. Mr. Sewell stated there would have to be two sealed bids. Clerk Wise stated the money could be pulled from investments. After discussion the Board agreed to table until the next Board meeting.

Ms. Dawn Elrod addressed the Board in reference to a Leash Law/Dog Ordinance in Calhoun County. Ms. Elrod stated her concern was for the safety and welfare of the county residents. Ms. Joann Herriman addressed the Board in reference to the Leash Law as did Roger Valentine. Commissioner Capps stated that the ordinance would not be effective in the City. Attorney Fuqua stated he had researched the

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situation and the approximate cost for the County would be approximately \$90,000. The Board asked the City of Blountstown to enter into a inter-local agreement with the County and was turned down. Cynthia Register also addressed the Board concerning the Leash Law. Commissioner Capps stated that funds were not available at this point and suggested they seek Legislative help. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to prepare a document for owners to be responsible for their animals for review at the next Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 4:40 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 4:55 P.M.

Cynthia Register addressed the Board in reference to the County maintaining the Terry Varnum Road.

Mr. Royce Scofield updated dated the Board in reference to American Commercial Waste. He stated that his company was doing all they could to supply the county with garbage cans and pick-up. He stated that they were placing cans daily and started the pick-up on Monday.

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board in reference to 911 Liability. Commissioner Hunt asked if 911 operators have to be certified. Attorney Fuqua stated no. Sheriff Smith stated that no medical advice was given from the Sheriff's Office, it was all directed to the EMS.

Commissioner Attaway presented a letter from Kenny and Becky Drummond requesting that pipes and debris be removed from their property on J.P. Peacock Road. The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to prepare a hold harmless agreement for the Drummond's signature.

Commissioner Hunt addressed the Board in reference to the Road Department starting to work at 6:30 A.M. After discussion the Board agreed to keep the time as is.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. DOT - Notification of changes in traffic regulations - speed reduction - S. R. 20 from Bridge East to Blountstown.
2. Lan Trohn - Florida Public Records Act
3. N.W. Fla. Water Management
4. Advisory Bulletin
5. DCA - Training and Fitness Program
6. Fla. Communities Trust - Atkins Park
7. Bondaurant and Fuqua, P.A. - Waste Management
8. City of Blountstown - Water Usage
9. Health & Human Services - Financial Disclosure
10. DEP - Greenways and Trails

ATTEST:

Willie D. Wise

Willie D. Wise, Clerk

Duane Capps

Duane Capps, Chairman

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