

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

APRIL 18, 2000  
REGULAR MEEING  
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND ACTING:

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD  
COMMISSIONER HUNT  
COMMISSIONER ATTAWAY  
COMMISSIONER GRANT  
COMMISSIONER CAPPS

WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk of Court  
GAIL O'BRYAN, Administrative Assistant  
MATT FUQUA, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Broward Vickery and followed with Prayer by Commissioner Whitfield and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Jimmy Hand, City Manager for City of Blountstown, was present at the meeting and reported to the Board that the City was pursuing an economic development grant from DCA through CDBG for the extension of water lines to Big River Cypress on highway 71 North. He also said in order to get sufficient water pressure they may need to tie into the water system at Sam Atkins Park. He further stated., for the Grant Application to go forward, the Board must execute an Interlocal Agreement and Long Term Lease Agreement on the County water system at Sam Atkins Park with the City of Blountstown.

Discussion ensued and the Board by consensus agreed they had no objection to a long-term lease on the water system on the water system if, in the Lease Agreement, the City would also take over the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the AG Park.

After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Capps, contingent upon the City of Blountstown obtaining all grant funds, to negotiate with the City of Blountstown a lease to operate the water system at the Park.

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Grant

Motion Carried 5-0

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Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for SHIP Program septic system bids and reported only one (1) bid was received and was from Yoder Backhoe & Truck Service as follows

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Homeowner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Yoder Backhoe	Grover	\$1406.00
Yoder Backhoe	Gaskin	\$1370.00

Motion by Commissioner Attaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Grant and duly carried to accept low bid from Yoder Backhoe and Truck Service.

Dowling Parrish, Ship Coordinator, asked the Board to increase the \$ amount spent on Ship Rehabs by \$5000.00.

After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Attaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to increase the existing amount that can be spent per rehab by \$5000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Capps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Attaway and duly carried to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2000 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing as presented.

Mr. O'Bryan reported the Demolition Bids were tabled at the last Board meeting so that the review committee could tabulate them. He said the review work was complete and asked the Board to award the Bids.

Motion by Commissioner Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly to award Package 1 to Best Bid Ducky Johnson for (\$11,250)

Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to award Package II to best bid, Ducky Johnson for \$9,200.

Motion by Commissioner Capps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to award Package III to best bid, Ducky Johnson for \$2,850.

Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly carried to award Package IV to best bid, Ducky Johnson for \$10,050.

Mr. O'Bryan presented an Award Letter from DCA stating Calhoun County has been determined eligible for additional EMPA funds in the amount of \$2,242.00 thereby increasing Calhoun County's total amount of funding under this Agreement to \$122,005.

Motion by Commissioner Capps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to enter into an Agreement with DCA for Calhoun County to receive \$2,241.00 additional EMPA funds.

: Mr. O'Bryan presented a list of the three (3) roads that he and the engineers had ranked as the priority roads under the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) as follows

Priority No. 1. CR 69 South from SR 71 to Wrennie Moody Road	2.68 miles
Woods Cemetery Road to CR 275	<u>4.06 Miles</u>
Total	6.74 Miles

Priority #2:

CR 287 from SR 20 to SR 73	3.87 Miles
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Priority #3

CR 275 from SR 20 to SR 71	7.32 Miles
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After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly carried to accept the recommended priority list providing, if #3 does not get funded, to move it to #1 for next year.

Mr. O'Bryan reported a meeting was scheduled with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the EOC, Calhoun County Courthouse.

Total price: \$5950.00

Mr. O'Bryan reported he had faxed carpet specifications for EOC to the three (3) local vendors but had only received one proposal and it was from Bracewell Inc. as follows:

Motion by Commissioner Capps, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to accept the only proposal received for carpet and vinyl from Bracewell Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly carried to enter into an Agreement with Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc., for CDBG Administration Services EL NINO GRANDE CDBG.

Frank Baker, Attorney, reported he was representing a loan company who had been approached by David Belanger for the purpose of purchasing the catfish processing plant and asked the Board to appoint a person to negotiate with Mr. Baker and Mr. Belanger a purchase price.

After discussion, the Board by consensus advised Mr. Baker to negotiate with the Calhoun County Industrial Authority regarding the sale and after negotiations the IDA Board will report to the Board.

Clerk Wise reported there was \$100,000 left in the ADA budget and that he had Panama Cabinet here to spec the cost for modifying cabinets and counters in the courthouse per ADA requirements.

After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Attaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Grant and carried 4-1 to advertise for counters and cabinets installed in the courthouse in compliance with ADA. Commissioner Capps voted no.

The Board instructed Commissioner Capps to get Preble Rish, Inc., back on the job regarding ADA requirements

Phyllis Lord was present at the meeting to discuss Baggett Road. She asked the Board to compromise and reconsider changing the name of that road. She said Ronnie Stone, said the 911 committee could name this road something totally neutral, however, later that evening, Ronnie called her at home and told her the sheriff said the committee would not change the name of the road, and that her commissioner would have to change it.

After much discussion and review of some public records presented by Ms. Lord, Commissioner Hunt said he was not going to change the name of the road but the Board could if they wanted to.

Commissioner Whitfield asked for a motion to change the name of Baggett Road. No motion was made.

The Board recessed at 6:40 p.m. for 10 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Janice Moore was present to discuss County Personnel Policies and questioned the Board about following them. During discussion, several persons questioned criteria for hiring of road superintendent.

Attorney Fuqua reported the personnel policies were adopted for Grant purposes and are not binding on the Board unless the Board is using Grant funds. He said the Board could waive portions of qualifications and that there was no state requirements on how the County hires its employees.

Carla Whitehead, Chamber Director and the Board discussed the Calhoun County applying for an Enterprise Zone.

The Board entered into and the Chairman executed a Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blountstown allowing for the City of Blountstown to utilize portions of the existing Calhoun County Rights of way as may be required for the installation of a potable water line and other infrastructure improvements in conjunction with the City of Blountstown making application to the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the Economic Development category to facilitate the installation of a drying kiln by Cypress & Hardwood Inc.

Ms. Whitehead reported Mr. Harry Rogers, Big River Cypress & Hardware needs paving from Highway 71 to the gate of his property and asked the Board to approve application for a Infrastructure Road Grant.

After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt and duly carried to authorize Preble-Rish to develop the road grant application for road paving for Big River Cypress & Hardware.

Mr. Richard Williams, with Chipola Workforce Development Board, made a presentation to the Board on Opportunity Florida and asked the Board to join the eight (8) County Coalition, and appoint a member to the Board.

After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Attaway and duly carried to join Opportunity Florida and to appoint Jed Hires as Calhoun County's representative.

Mr. Harold Pickron was present and asked the Board to incorporate into the County's purchasing policy allowance for a 5% local preference to the lowest responsible resident bidder on the purchase of items the Board approves having a unit cost of \$25,000 or less. On those purchases in excess of \$25,000, the Board may award a local preference to the lowest responsible resident bidder.

The Board asked the County Attorney to research Mr. Pickron's request and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Attorney Fuqua reported the Board had awarded uniform bids at the last Board meeting to Unifirst and after doing so found that the County had a previous contract with Aramark for 5 years. He said Shannon Segers had spoken with Pat Brightwell, sales coordinator for Unifirst Corporation and told her of our existing contract and explained that the Board did not want to enter into a contract with Unifirst because of the high costs associated with canceling the agreement with Aramark.

Ms. Brightwell was present and stated she would appreciate consideration whenever the County does decide to bid on uniforms in the future and would appreciate any other business the County might have, such as mats.

The Board asked Mr. Fuqua to research the contract with Aramark to see what it covers in addition to uniform rentals.

Mr. Charles Boutwell, Assistant Road Superintendent, reported the rental contract on the trackhoe was up on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed setting a beginning salary for new road superintendent. Motion by Commissioner Capps to set new road superintendent's salary at \$25,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Grant

Motion failed 3-2  
Commissioners Hunt, Whitfield and Attaway voting no.

Motion by Commissioner Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly carried to set the salary for the new road superintendent at \$22,000 for 6 months.

The Board, by consensus, agreed for Commissioner Hunt to cut dead trees at Ocheessee landing.

Motion by Commissioner Attaway to lease the trackhoe for one more month to finish DSR projects.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Hunt  
Motion carried 5-0

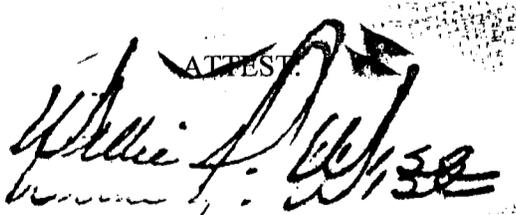
Clerk Wise reported he had met with the administrator of the Health Department and he said he had no problem with providing medical care for the jail inmates and he would meet with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Whitfield recommended and the Board agreed to hold a workshop on May 16, 2000 as 2:00 p.m. on personnel policies with all elected officials and department heads.

Motion by Commissioner Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Capps and duly carried to approve April 4, 2000 minutes.

The Board by consensus agreed to donate the computer, purchased by Juvenile Justice Grant for FIT to the American Legion Post 272.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn:

ATTEST  
  
Willie D. Wise, Clerk

  
S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman