

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2000**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**EARL HUNT
WILLIAM SEWELL
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
JIM PICKRON
TRUMAN GRANT**

**BROWARD VICKERY, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for the Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to adopt said ordinance.

The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners presented Sheriff Buddy Smith a plaque of appreciation for serving the citizens of Calhoun County for 24 years.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator presented a letter from Department of Community Affairs (DCA) notifying the reallocation of unspent Base Grant Funds for fiscal year 1999-2000 to eligible county emergency management agencies. Calhoun County has been determined to be eligible for \$1,397.00 of reallocated funds. The total grant funds under this Agreement would increase to \$136,473.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to amend the contract to reflect this increase.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter of response from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the submittal of a Contamination Assessment Plan (CAP) for the Calhoun County Landfill (DEP ID#1007C00029). With the next ground water monitoring report due this month, it will then be determined if contamination assessment procedures are required after the review of this report.

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Mr. O'Bryan stated that C.W. Roberts, Contracting requested a draw in the amount of \$516,258.96 on Hwy. 274 and 69A. Mr. O'Bryan stated the money would be received from DOT within 30 days from the time of request. Mr. O'Bryan recommended tabling until DOT answers the request.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that Clifford Newsome, North Florida Construction asked the Board to begin digging out of the pit. Mr. Newsome has an excavator he would like to give to the County. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to have someone from Glenn T. Warren, Inc. to appraise the equipment and report back to the Board.

Mr. Harry Rogers, Red Wood Bay Lumber Company asked the Board to pass an ordinance exempting his company from Ad Valorem Taxes. Mr. Rogers stated it would be a new investment to Calhoun County in the amount of \$800,000. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to prepare and advertise said ordinance and hold the Public Hearing January 16, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Kevin Grover, County Judge elect updated the Board on the hiring of the County Probation Officer. Mr. Grover stated he received several applications and Sue Stanley would fill this position. After discussion the Board was polled and all was in agreement to hire Ms. Stanley and the salary will remain the same as the former Probation Officer.

The minutes of December 5, 2000 were approved as presented.

Chairman Whitfield stated that Hastin Bennett called him regarding the Rails for Trails going through his property. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to contact Jimmy Hand and David Melvin and have them assure Mr. Bennett that the Rails for Trails was not going through his property.

Chairman Whitfield asked the Board if Hams would be given this year for Christmas. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to give the hams.

Chairman Whitfield discussed with the Board the recreation the County Parks. Chairman Whitfield asked Attorney Fuqua to research the liability insurance for all County parks and report back to the board.

Commissioner Pickron discussed with the Board a bill for Wanda and Jimmy Skipper in the amount of \$250.19 for work performed on her vehicle at the Auto Clinic of Marianna due to a large pot-hole in the road on Hwy. 275. After discussion the Board agreed that the process should be handled through the Insurance Company for the County.

Commissioner Pickron asked the County to pay for the deep well at the Scotts Ferry Fire Dept. After discussion the Board stated the Fire Dept. had been budgeted their money for the year and the well should come from their budget.

Mike Willis addressed the Board in reference to the drainage problem on his property. After discussion Chairman Whitfeild stated Mr. Willis would be his first priority when money was available.

There being no further business the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

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CHAIRMAN

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