

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2001**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
RUTH ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was call to order by Deputy Mears, prayer by Chairman Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Bid proposals for Grant Applications, Administration, and Engineering Proposals were opened and tabled until the review committee could review and report back to the Board at the January 16, 2001. The proposals are as follows:

Coastal Solutions, Inc.
Roumelis Planning & Development Services
Preble Rish, Inc.
David Melvin, Inc.

Mr. Neil Thrasher and Mr. Billy Hires asked the Board for the white Ford Econoline Van in the parking lot and \$10,000 to match grants for three projects for the youth in Calhoun County. The request is for \$5,000.00 to get the American Legion Baseball Team started and Junior Shooter Sports Program for \$3,000.00 to purchase equipment, supplies and to match a grant from the NRA JOSP. The last program is for two boys and two girls to attend Boy's State and Girl's State for one week in June. After discussion Chairman Whitfield stated a budget review would be held in February and the Board agreed by consensus to consider the request.

Mr. Dale Ivey, Pioneer Settlement asked the Board to consider funding a water line for the Pioneer Settlement. Mr. Ivey stated the City would put in the main line and the approximate cost for the remaining materials would be \$6,800.00. After discussion Chairman Whitfield stated a Budget review would be held in February and the Settlement would be considered. Chairman Whitfield asked if the Settlement would have a problem entering into an Enter Local Agreement with the County to make water available to the park if needed and Mr. Ivey stated yes.

Maxie Waldorff, IDA asked the Board to consider selling the equipment at the Catfish Processing Plant. Mr. Waldorff stated he was contacted by someone who is interested in purchasing the equipment. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to declare the equipment at the Plant Surplus Property and bid a lump sum on all equipment with no minimum bid, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried with Commissioner Pickron voting no. The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to advertise for the equipment.

The minutes of December 19, 2000 were approved as amended.

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent updated the Board on the Road Department.

Mr. Pickron asked the Board to review the County Policy on Holidays.

Mr. Pickron asked the Board for some direction on the Rules and Regulations for Motor Graders and truck usage.

Attorney Fuqua stated the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption application should be submitted to Terry Stone, Property Appraiser for Tax relief for Big River Cypress Hardwood, Inc. and Mr. Stone would report back to the Board.

Attorney Fuqua stated he had written a letter to Dr. Faraqui in reference to inmates at the County Jail.


Commissioner Pickron asked the Board to reconsider the pay for the well put in by Hayes & Son Well Drilling. A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron to pay the \$1,600.00. Motion dies from lack of a second.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from North American Timber Company – Road Closure
2. Housing Finance Authority of Bay County, Florida

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD,
CHAIRMAN

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