

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2001**

PRESENT & ACTING:

**EARL HUNT
WILLIAM E. SEWELL
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS
JIM PICKRON
TRUMAN GRANT**

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

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

Vice-Chairman Hunt relinquished the chair to Commissioner Grant.

At 2:05 P.M. the Board recessed to hold an out of the sunshine meeting to discuss pending litigation pursuant to advertisement.

At 2:15 P.M. the Board reconvened into the regular scheduled board meeting.

Attorney Fuqua opened the Drought CDBG Bids for well drilling as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Package I (Northeast)</u>	<u>Bid Package II (Northwest)</u>
Capps Well Drilling	\$29,385.00	\$17,490.00
Hayes & Son	35,850.00	19,800.00
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Package III (South)</u>	
Capps Well Drilling	\$15,751.00	
Hayes & Son	17,950.00	

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to table bids until Mr. O'Bryan can review and report back to the Board.

Attorney Fuqua read the survey proposals from the following bidders:

Southeast Surveying, Chipley, Florida
Snelgrove, Marianna, Florida
Allen Nobles, Tallahassee, Florida
Snowden Land Surveying, Blountstown, Florida
DRMP, Panama City, Florida

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron to table the Survey Proposals until the selection committee could review, rank and report back to the Board.

Mr. Ben Burnham, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital presented information to the Board regarding an Emergency Medical services management company named Emergystat. The Board tabled the issue until the March 20, 2001 Board Meeting for review.

Mr. Joe Miller, Preble Rish, Engineers presented the Board a letter for Roberts Sand Company requesting additional pay for the stabilized sub-grade that was used for the Parrish Lake Road project. The letter requested a change order in the amount of \$20,304.00. After discussion the Board requested Attorney Fuqua to review and report back to the Board.

Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent updated the Board on the Road Department Activities. Mr. Pickron stated the Beavers in District 5 are blocking pipes. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for Commissioner Sewell to contract the Game and Fish Commission for information on removing the Beavers legally.

Mr. Pickron discussed with the Board the possibility of placing speed bumps on dirt roads in the County. After discussion Attorney Fuqua recommended not putting in speed bumps due to the liability for the County.

Mr. Pickron asked the Board to adjust the salary to the base salary allocated for the Superintendent position. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to adjust said salary.

Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Supt. updated the Board on the maintenance activities. Mr. Roberts stated he needed additional inmate help or for each Commissioner to take their inmate help and clean the parks in the County.

Mr. Roberts stated he talked with Mr. Elkins with the city of Blountstown concerning light replacement at Sam Adkins Park. Mr. Roberts was told the City would charge approximately \$85.00 per hr. to replace the lights on the poles at the park. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Roberts to contact the City, get a firm price and report to Commissioner Pickron. Mr. Pickron would talk to the City Council and report back to the Board.

Mr. Roberts stated the freezer had been removed from the Catfish Plant, and the wall needed to be replaced. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for the inmates to replace the wall.

Commissioner Grant asked that a door be placed in the bathroom at Clay Mary Park. After discussion the Board agreed for Mr. Roberts to install the door.

Anna Baker asked the Board for help in acquiring a Grant for Cooper Park. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Grant stated that the land was being surveyed. He further stated that when the survey is completed, a grant application would be made.

Jerry Parrish asked the Board for an update on redistricting in Calhoun County. After Discussion the Board asked Mr. Parrish to attend the School Board Meeting asking for their input and report back to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to send a letter to Martin Sewell, Supervisor of elections requesting that he attend the March 20, 2001 Board Meeting to discuss he redistricting in Calhoun County. The Board also stated a committee would be appointed from the County Commissioners and School Board to review this matter.

Clerk Attaway stated that Commissioner Pickron asked the County to pay for his supplemental insurance in lieu of County Insurance (Medicare is his primary coverage). After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried that any County employee covered by Medicare could opt for a Medicare supplement as long as the supplement cost did not exceed the County Insurance coverage cost.

Clerk Attaway stated the Community Alliance, Community Based with Children and Family Services needed a Board member to be appointed to their Board. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to appoint Commissioner Pickron to the Board.

Clerk Attaway presented a Weatherization agreement for execution.

Clerk Attaway updated the Board on the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) project.

Clerk Attaway asked the Board to transfer the \$29,384.12 that was returned to the Board be put back into the Operating II Account. Clerk Attaway presented a letter from the County auditor, Mike Tucker stating that these funds were restricted by law for Clerks use only and should be returned. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to transfer the money back into the Operating II Account.

Attorney Fuqua stated there was a default on the Keller home and the necessary papers had been filed.

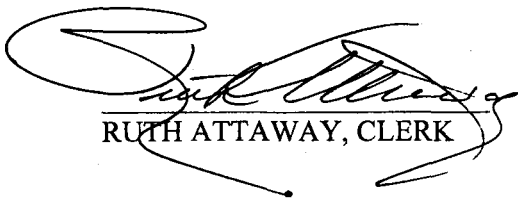
Attorney Fuqua stated that the Bankruptcy Court had made a proposal on the Grit Bankruptcy (Grit was the County Workers Comp carrier previous to the bankruptcy proceedings). Attorney Neal Bopekhe recommended voting in favor of the Bankruptcy Plan. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept the Bankruptcy Plan.

Clerk Attaway asked Attorney Fuqua to research the law on evaluating jail inmates and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Pickron stated a resolution had been executed for Calhoun County to be certified to Join Calhoun County Beautiful and America Beautiful.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH ATTAWAY, CLERK


TRUMAN GRANT
COMMISSIONER