

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 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 called to order by Chairman Whitfield, prayer by Chairman Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Don O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator presented to the Board for execution a contract with Tennis Systems, Inc. for repair/resurfacing of basketball courts at Kinard Recreational Park.

Mr. O'Bryan and Debbie Roumelis Belcher with Roumelis Planning & Development Services (Grant Consultant) presented to the Board a list of thirty homeowners that qualify for wells through the Calhoun County CDBG 2000 Drought Relief Assistance Grant. Mr. O'Bryan requested that each Commissioner review the list of homeowners to see if there is a conflict of interest. After reviewing, Chairman Whitfield polled the Commissioners with each stating aloud that they did not have a conflict of interest with any of the homeowners. Commissioner Pickron stated that homeowner # 22 could not be reached to obtain the necessary information to qualify for a well. He would continue to try and reach her.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to award CDBG 2000 Drought Relief Assistance Grant Contract for the replacement of residential wells to the low bidder, Mike Purvis with Capps Well Drilling. Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution an Agreement and a Notice to Proceed with work beginning on March 31, 2001. According to the agreement the project will be completed in 90 calendar days. Mr. O'Bryan stated that each bid package must be complete prior to payment.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval a Contract for Bid Package # 1 Northeast Section (North of SR 20 - East of SR 71), with 13 well replacements in the amount of \$22,465.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve said contract.

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Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval a Contract for Bid Package # 2, Northwest Section (North of SR 20 – West of SR71) with 10 well replacements in the amount of \$17,490.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval a Contract for Bid Package # 3 South (South of SR 20), with 7 well replacements in the amount of \$12,243.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to approve the alternate list of nine (9) wells. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve said list.

Mr. O'Bryan informed the Board that Snowden Land Surveying was ranked # 1 for the CDBG Land Surveying Services. Mr. O'Bryan recommended approving Snowden Land Surveying. Mr. O'Bryan asked he be allowed to negotiate the price for each survey. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to award the contract to Snowden Land Surveying and to allow Mr. O'Bryan to negotiate the price of the surveys.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that the agreement for the removal and disposal of waste tires with Cumbaa Enterprises expired in 2000. Mr. O'Bryan requested permission to advertise for two weeks and receive bids at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 3, 2001. Mr. O'Bryan recommended moving the Waste Tire Amnesty Month from the month of April to the month of May in conjunction with Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which would be held on May 19, 2001. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to advertise for the removal and disposal of waste tires.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter for execution of a Hazard Analysis Contract Modification, with a decrease in funds from \$3,433.00 to \$3,032.00. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said modification.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter from Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) stating that CR 69 and CR 287 were funded for the State fiscal year 2002-2003 and CR 275 was not funded. Mr. O'Bryan requested permission to allow him, Harold Pickron, County Road Superintendent, and Bill Kennedy with Preble-Rish to review the County road system, choose three roads to submit and report back to Board.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter from Department of Transportation (DOT) For the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) stating that CR 275 South was funded for the State fiscal year 2001-2002 and CR 274 West was not funded. Mr. O'Bryan requested permission to allow him, Harold Pickron, County Road Superintendent and Mr. Bill Kennedy with Preble-Rish, Inc. to review the County road system, choose three roads and report back to the Board.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter to Roberts Sand Company denying a request for a change order in the amount of \$20,304.00 on the Parrish Lake Road, Project # 014.032. After discussion Mr. O'Bryan recommended paying Change Order #1 in the amount of \$792.00 and granting Change order # 2 for a (60) sixty-day extension in exchange for the other claims. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried with Commissioner Hunt voting no to pay the \$792.00 change order, the (60) sixty day extension and other claims.

Maxie Waldorff, IDA presented a State of Florida Joint Participation Agreement and Resolution # 3 for execution. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to execute said agreement.

Maxie Waldorff introduced to the Board Mr. Tim Goodson who was appointed by Commissioner Sewell to serve on the IDA Board for District # 3. A motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to appoint Mr. Goodson to the IDA Board. At this time Attorney Fuqua swore Mr. Goodson in to serve on the IDA Board.

Commissioner Whitfield asked Mr. Waldorff to contact Mr. Miles Eldridge concerning a hanger at the Agriculture Park for his airplane.

The minutes of March 6, 2001 was approved as amended.

Mr. Ben Burnham, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital David Paris and Mr. Dave Robertson addressed the Board in reference to the EMS Ambulance Service Agreement. Mr. Robertson expressed that his company, Emergystat, Inc. would like to obtain the existing Management Agreement with Calhoun-County Board of County Commissioners and Centennial Health Care Management/Calhoun-Liberty Hospital and honor the agreement until September 30, 2002, at which time the contract could be renegotiated for an additional (5) five years. After a lengthy discussion with the Board and the audience, Chairman Whitfield directed Mr. Robertson to meet with all EMS employees to discuss any questions that may arise. Robertson stated that no positions would be eliminated from the EMS and to honor the present salaries if possible. Mr. Ben Burnham, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital asked the Board to grant Emergystat, Inc. the opportunity to take over the existing contract. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to appointed Ruth Attaway, Clerk, Chairman Whitfield and Mr. Dave Odom, Health Department to a committee to review references and report back to the Board. Mr. Robertson asked the Board to issue a conditional certificate of public necessity. After discussion a motion was made by

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Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to issue said certificate.

Mr. Henry Abbott with the girl's softball team asked the Board for Field # 3 and the field on the Northside of Sam Atkins park for the girl's softball. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to give field # 3 and the field on the Northside of the complex to the girl's softball team. Mr. Abbott stated the girls did not have a big field at the present time.

Sheriff Tatum presented to the Board for review a Calhoun County Jail Inmate Medical Cost Analysis. Sheriff Tatum stated that Dr. Faroqui was not honoring the contract and would like for the Board to contact Dr. Faroqui. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to write a letter to Dr. Faraqui concerning his contract.

Sheriff Tatum stated that the Board made no discussion on the two parking spaces requested for the Sheriff and the Circuit Judge at the Courthouse. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to assign two parking spaces for the Judge and Sheriff. The Board discussed locking the Courthouse at approximately 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. and opening it at 6:30 a.m. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to lock the courthouse and open the courthouse at the above hours.

Clerk Attaway presented the following correspondence:

1. Drug Task Force Grant request.
2. Invoice for the heating and air conditioning unit at the Health Department. After a lengthy discussion the Board asked Clerk Attaway to contact David Smith, Heating and Air conditioning and Dave Odom with the Health Department and Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Supt. to attend the April 3, 2001 Board Meeting. At this time the fire protection will also be discussed.
3. The Weatherization contract was presented for execution.

Commissioner Whitfield made a recommendation authorizing the Mr. O'Bryan, Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent and Greg Preble with Preble-Rish, Inc. to advertise for bids on the Neighborhood Revitalization Road Projects. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to advertise for the Neighborhood Revitalization Road Projects.

Commissioner Sewell updated the Board on the Beavers. He stated he called the Panama City District and the Beavers can be trapped or if out of the City Limits can be shot.

Commissioner Pickron stated he met with Blountstown City Council and they agreed to replace the lights at Sam Atkins Park.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

Attest:

  
RUTH ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD  
CHAIRMAN