

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 3, 2001
MINUTES**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**EARL HUNT
WILLIAM 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 Deputy Wood, prayer by Commissioner Sewell and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Attorney Fuqua read the Weatherization advertisement and opened bids as follows:

	<u>WEBB</u>	<u>PUMPHREY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
Janice Bass	\$3,510.00	\$3,298.00	\$3,105.00
Jessie Hyde	4,185.00	4,080.00	3,505.00
Shirley Holmes	2,590.00	2,486.00	2,340.00
Linda Anderson	1,155.00	1,142.00	890.00
Barbara Sparkman	2,965.00	2,932.00	2,671.00
Calvin Rooney	1,790.00	1,800.00	1,795.00

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to table Weatherization bids until the Ship bids were awarded.

Attorney Fuqua read the Ship advertisement and opened bids as follows:

	<u>WEBB</u>	<u>PUMPHREY</u>	<u>RODDENBERRY</u>
John T. Castleberry	\$16,530.00	\$16,145.00	\$16,650.00
Neufaula Barnes	13,010.00	13,540.00	14,800.00
Sterling McDaniel	13,260.00	13,194.00	11,500.00

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John T. Castleberry	\$14,100.00
Neufaula Barnes	12,400.00
Sterling McDaniel	10,121.00

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Attorney Fuqua read the Ship-Septic Tank advertisement and opened the only bid from Yoder Backhoe as follows:

YODER BACKHOE

Bertah Sercye	\$3,180.00
Manuel Yon	800.00

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to accept Yoder Backhoe's bid for Manuel Yon in the amount of \$800.00. It was consensus of the Board to table the bid for Bertha Sercye until the next Board Meeting for clarification from Dowling Parrish, Building Inspector.

Attorney Fuqua read the Waste Tire advertisement and opened the bid from Cumbaa, Enterprise as follows:

CUMBAA, ENTERPRISE

\$103.95 per ton/regular tires
250.00 per ton/off road tires

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to accept only bid from Cumbaa, Enterprise. Chairman Whitfield abstained from voting due to being employed with Cumbaa, Enterprise.

Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Department gave an up-date on the maintenance Department. Mr. David Smith, Smith Heating and air conditioning updated the Board on the Heating and Air at the Health Department and Dr. Faroqui's Office. After a lengthy discussion the Board stated that the units should be fixed as they tear up. The Board directed Mr. Roberts to obtain three quotes or bid if necessary for the units and report back at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent up-dated the Board on the Road Department. Mr. Pickron stated the Road Department had gone back to the rotation system. Mr. Pickron stated he would meet with Department of Transportation on Wednesday April 4, 2001 to discuss road closure for pre-construction on Hwy.167.

Mr. Robertson with Emergystat updated the Board on the meeting with the EMS Employees. The Board appointed a committee at the March 20, 2001 Board Meeting to check the references and report back to the Board. The committee stated the references for Emergystat were confirmed and found to have great standing in their communities. Mr. Dave Burnham, Centennial recommended to the Board to allow Emergystat to honor the EMS Contract through September, 2002 and to negotiate the new contract at that time.

Ms. Volena Barfield representing the Calhoun-Libery Medical Staff spoke commending the EMS Service in Calhoun County and asked the Board to consider leaving the service with Calhoun EMS. After a lengthy discussion with the Board and several members of the audience, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Grant with Commissioner Pickron voting no to accept the recommendation of Attorney Fuqua and the review Committee and assign the remainder of the EMS Contract to Emergystat.

Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director/Grants Coordinator presented a letter to the Board from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) responding to Mr. O'Bryan's letter dated March 26, 2001 in which a 60-day time extension was requested for Kinard Recreation Park - Phase II, FRDAP Project No. F01265. The extension request has been granted and the completion date is October 31, 2002.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter to the Board from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in reference to Mr. O'Bryan's letter requesting a 6-month extension on Acquisition of Land for Ocheessee Recreation Park, FRDAP Project No. FO1264. The extension request has been granted and the completion date is October 31, 2001.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter to the Board from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in reference to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) El Nino # 99DB-4Z-02-17-01-B12, stating there were (2) two findings on the monitoring report dated October 18, 2000. The response to finding one (1), included a check in the amount of \$7,265.93 and written assurance that any further funds in excess of \$5,000.00 held more than five days will be returned to the state, meets the minimum program requirements.

Mr. O'Bryan stated the County Fire Fighters Association would like to apply for the EMS Grant for \$4,747.49 to purchase a repeater system and the fire departments will match the difference between the two. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for the Calhoun County Fire Fighters Association to apply for said grant.

Commissioner Grant asked Mr. O'Bryan for an update on Cooper Park. Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board to approve the existing bid price on the repair/resurfacing of Cooper Park. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron to execute said contract for repair/resurfacing of Cooper Park.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board and Ms. Ellison on White Water Grade. Mr. O'Bryan requested that the Board allow him to contact Preble-Rish, Inc., concerning the preparation of plans on White Water Grade. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Sewell for Preble-Rish, Inc. to prepare the plans on White Water Grade.

Martin Sewell, Supervisor of Elections addressed the Board in reference to re-districting in Calhoun County. Volena Barfield and David Price were in attendance representing Calhoun County School Board. Mr. Sewell stated that population, not registered voters, determined re-districting. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Sewell recommended appointing a committee of two School Board Members and Two County Commissioners and himself to work up proposals and report back to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to appoint Commissioner Sewell and Commissioner Grant to serve on the committee. The Board asked the committee to report back to the Board, as it deems necessary.

Mr. Harry Hagan asked the Board permission for the Rotary Club to hold the Annual Catfish Tournament at the Neal Landing in Blountstown in May of each year. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron with Commissioner Hunt voting no for Attorney Fuqua to prepare a Resolution giving the Rotary Club the use of the Neal Boat Ramp. The Resolution will state that no citizen using the Boat Ramp will be charged and anyone using the Boat Ramp will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Mr. Hilton White and Mr. Jones addressed the Board concerning getting a power line off Porter Grade Road to his property. After discussion Attorney Fuqua stated it was not the county's responsibility and Mr. White would need to hire a private attorney.

The March 20, 2001 was approved as presented.

Chairman Whitfield stated at the last Board meeting he was misinformed on the girl's softball fields. After a lengthy discussion and input from the audience, Chairman Whitfield stated he would like for the previous motion in the Board Meeting March 20, 2001 be rescinded. The motion to be rescinded 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. A new motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried with Commissioner Hunt voting no to rescind the previous motion and return the fields to the boys league and continue to use the Southeast field and the field North of the 4 field complex for the girls.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a letter from St. Joe Timberland Company asking the Board to renew the lease on the Chipola River Park. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to renew said lease and also state that the Board of County Commissioners would be interested in the purchase of land if it comes available.

Clerk Attaway presented a letter from North Florida Child Development, Inc. asked for a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to send a letter of support.

Mr. Charles Parker, Scotts Ferry Fire Department presented an application for surplus property. After discussion the Board asked Clerk Attaway to prepare the necessary paper work and review the applications. Authorized persons will include Rolf Myrhammer, President of Fires Fighters Association, Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Mgt. Director, Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent and County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board why the lines had not been painted on 274 from Altha to Shelton's Store. After discussion the Board asked the Chairman to write a letter to C.W. Roberts asking them to do the stripping.

Ms. Carrie Baker asked the Board to support the Summer Food Service Program. After discussion the Board asked Clerk Attaway to meet with Ms. Baker to see if the County could participate in this program and report back to the Board.

There being no further business the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


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