

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2001**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

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

Mr. Tony Arrant, Planning Commission recommended to the Board of County Commissioners the following Development Applications:

1. Brian Cooley, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility, Hwy. 20 west at Silas Green Road was denied as presented. The applications did not comply with the land use guidelines. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request for the Brian Cooley, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility.
2. Howard Johnson, proposed subdivision Miller and Purdie Road were presented to the Planning Commission for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the proposed subdivision as presented.
3. Jerry Parrish/Clifford Newsome subdivision on Watson Road was presented to the Planning Commission for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said subdivision with the condition they provide a 60' road right-of-way with an additional 15' utility easement and submit a plat for recording. The road must be brought to "County Specifications".

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4. Macon Bridges//Jim Garrett – Jim Garrett Rehabilitation/Property owner Patricia Liss. Approve major subdivision with condition that landowner provides a notarized statement from the landowner authorizing representation for the land use change.

Mr. Arrant asked the Board of County Commissioners to approve the advertising to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to advertise and Hold a Public Hearing on the Comp Plan.

Dowling Parrish presented Ship Resolution # 4 for adoption. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said resolution.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator presented to the Board Resolution # 6 and EMS Grant application for execution. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said Resolution and execute the EMS Grant Application.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board the following Highways that he and Bill Kennedy recommended for the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP).

1. County Road 274 West from State Road 73 to County Road 167.
2. County Road 275 from State Road 20 to State Road 71.
3. County Road 274 West from State Road 71 to State Road 73.

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to accept the recommendation of the review committee.

Mr. O'Bryan presented Resolution # 7, for execution, authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Agreement," in the amount of \$738,163 for resurfacing or reconstruction of County Road 69, beginning at State Road 71 and ending at Wrennie Moody Road; and Woods Cemetery Road to County Road 275. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said Resolution.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board Resolution # 8 for execution, authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Outreach Program Agreement", in the amount of \$402,500 for resurfacing or reconstruction of County Road 275, beginning at State Road 71 and ending at Marysville School Road. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to execute said Resolution.

Mr. O'Bryan presented Resolution # 9 for execution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation, Small County Road Assistance Agreement", in the amount of

\$451,035 for the resurfacing or reconstruction of County Road 287, beginning at State Road 20 and ending at State Road 73. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said Resolution.

Chairman Whitfield stated the Clerk should amend the budget in the amount of \$101,000.00 to go in County Transportation for the Scop Program.

Mr. O'Bryan requested that the Board authorize Preble-Rish, Inc. to provide engineering service for the Scop Small County Outreach Program) and Scrap (Small County Road Assistance Program). After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to authorize Preble-Rish, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Scop and Scrap Programs.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that as a result of Tropical Storm Helene (DR-1344) there were approximately \$200,000 plus funds available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) FEMA 4404 for an eligible project. Furthermore, he stated that the project selected must be listed in our Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), and approved by the Local LMS Steering Committee. Mr. O'Bryan reported that the LMS Committee had met and selected two (2) miles of Porter Grade Road to be elevated and paved. Mr. O'Bryan requested permission from the Board to submit a FEMA 404 Application on this project. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to submit the application.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that there was a possibility of using Grants to assist in purchasing a new vehicle for the County Road Superintendent. After discussion Chairman Whitfield polled the Board and Commissioners Grant, Pickron and Sewell had no objection in purchasing a new truck on State Contract; however, Commissioner Hunt objected to buying a Four-Wheel Drive with an extended cab.

Chairman Whitfield and Commissioner Hunt discussed with Mr. O'Bryan John Redd Road low water crossing had incurred minor damage to the pavement. He requested for Preble-Rish to look at the damage and make a recommendation on the necessary repairs.

Mr. Dave Odum presented and recommended approval of the Calhoun County Health Department's fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve the Calhoun County Health Department's Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Samantha Taylor, Chamber of Commerce present for review an ordinance providing for the creation of the economic development fund to be used to induce business development within Calhoun County. Chairman Whitfield recommended tabling the Ordinance until the next Board Meeting.

Ms. Taylor asked the Board to send a letter of support to Enterprise, Florida supporting the waiver request made by Opportunity Florida on behalf of Oglesby Plant Labs. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to prepare the letter.

Maxie Waldorff, IDA Board updated the Board on the IDA Board activities. Mr. Waldorff stated he had received the Joint Participation Agreement. Chairman Whitfield asked Mr. Waldorff to contract Miles Eldridge concerning the construction of a hanger at the Agriculture Park.

Mr. Jerry Parrish asked the Board to update him on the progress of redistricting in Calhoun County. Attorney Fuqua stated that Martin Sewell, Supervisor of Elections was in touch with the appointed committee and inmates are counted in the census and in the redistrict.

Mr. Henry Abbott, representing the girls softball team addressed the Board concerning the use of the lighted fields at Sam Adkins Park. After a lengthy discussion with the Board and members of the audience Commissioner Pickron requested the Coaches for the girls and boys, Faye Bailey and Mr. Abbott hold a meeting to discuss the problems.

The minutes of April 3, 2001 were approved as amended.

Dr. Farooqi met with the Board to discuss his lease at the Children's Medical Clinic. Dr. Farooqi stated he could not continue to perform services for the inmates at the County Jail and maintain his services to the public. Attorney Fuqua stated that Dr. Farooqi would like to be relieved of his duties at the jail and would like to renegotiate the terms of the lease on the Children's Clinic. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried for Dr. Farooqi to pay \$750.00 rent on the Medical Clinic, and relieve him of his duties at the jail.

Mr. Harvey Grantham with the Calhoun County Fire Fighters Association addressed the Board in reference to all fire fighters having a Physical prior to becoming a fire fighter. The fire fighters are volunteering their time to the County and in turn would ask that the County Commission consider paying for these physicals or asking that the Health Department perform the physicals at no charge to the patient.

Mr. Grantham invited the Commissioners to their monthly Fire Fighters Meetings.

Chairman Whitfield asked the Commissioners to consider building two additional fields and backstops and Soccer Fields at Sam Atkins Park for approximately \$10,00.00. Chairman Whitfield stated that the money could be taken from the Parks and Recreation Fund. The Board agreed after Road and Bridge rotation.

Ms. Betty Sue Doyle asked the Board to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting that the Perennial Peanut Hay not be planted on Hwy. 20 in Calhoun County due to it attracting deer and causing accidents.

Commissioner Hunt asked for an update on the Stripping of 274 from Altha to Shelton's Corner. The stripping should be completed in a week or two.

Attorney Fuqua read the Flathead Catfish Resolution and after discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to adopt said resolution.

Attorney Fuqua presented for execution, an Interlocal Agreement allowing the Town of Altha to utilize portions of the existing Calhoun County rights of way as may be required for the installation of a portable water line and other infrastructure improvements in conjunction with the Town of Altha making application to the state of Florida Department of Community Affairs for a small cities Community Development Block Grant in the Economic Development Category to support the expansion of laboratory and nursery operations at Oglesby Plants International, Inc.

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board in reference to a Workers Comp Mediation. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to allow Attorney Fuqua to negotiate the price.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY
CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITEFIELD
CHAIRMAN

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