

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JULY 17, 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 Deputy Morris, prayer by Commissioner Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Pickron asked Mr. John Dunlop to address the Board in reference to Beavers in Calhoun County. Mr. Dunlop presented to the Board a work plan and proposed budget to remove Beavers from several sites in the County. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to remove the Beavers from County Property only, and for the road Superintendent to direct Mr. Dunlop as to where the Beavers are located and for the contract not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Attorney Fuqua read the request for bid proposals for the CDBG El Nino Grande Residential Elevation Design/Build Project and open the one bid received from Ducky Johnson House Movers, Inc., as follows:

TOTAL CONTRACT BASE BID

\$225,998.25

TOTAL ALTERNATE BASE BID

\$78,797.95

After discussion Mr. Don O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator recommended tabling the bid until he could review and report back to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to table said bid proposal for review.

Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator recommended that the Board advertise and accept Bids on the Small County Outreach Program (S.C.O.P.) Road 275 South and Small County Road Assistance Program (S.C.R.A.P.) Roads 287 and 69 South. Bids will be received on August 21, 2001 until 4:00 p.m. (CST) and be opened at the 5:0 p.m. Board Meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to advertise and receive said bids.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Steering Committee met and amended the Local Mitigation Procedures and Initiatives by Resolution. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to amend the Local Mitigation Procedures and Initiatives by said Resolution.

Mr. O'Bryan requested that the Board apply for DR-1344 FEMA 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (HMGP) funds for the following projects in the priority list:

- 1) Porter Grade Road
- 2) River Road/Capt. Lynn Road
- 3) G.U. Parker Road
- 4) Van Lierop Road

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to apply to FEMA 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the above referenced projects.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that Brian McGraw with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), was reviewing sites in Calhoun County for DR-1381 Water Shed Projects. Mr. O'Bryan requested that the Board adopt a Resolution requesting Congress to allocate funding for this program. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Attorney Fuqua to prepare said Resolution supporting NRCS Water Shed Project Funds.

Mr. O'Bryan prepared a letter for execution to Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) requesting that the following projects(see attached letter) to be included in the 2001 Annual Report on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Apalachee Region. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to execute said letter.

Mr. O'Bryan scheduled a Workshop with the Board on Tropical Storm Helene DR-1344 to be held on July 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. (CST) in the Emergency Management Office (EOC).

Mr. O'Bryan presented the final survey on Cooper Park. Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to proceed with the Cooper Park Acquisition. The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to prepare documents for Cooper Park Acquisition.

Mr. O'Bryan asked if the Board wanted to extend the Local State of Emergency for Mosquito related problems. Mr. Cayson Latham, Calhoun County Health Department, stated the ground spraying was very effective. After discussion the Board asked Mr. Latham to continue spraying in the County. Mr. O'Bryan stated that he could write a project worksheet to help pay for the cost of the spraying and Mr. Latham should continue to double spray each day.

Maxie Waldorff, IDA stated he received a Water Inspection report with two (2) deficiencies:

1. The elevated Storage Tank is due for inspection.
2. No back flow protection for hydrant.

After discussion Mr. Waldorff stated he would prepared bid proposals for the inspection on the storage tank and would eliminate future use of the fire hydrant.

Ms. Carol Moore addressed the Board in reference to dogs killing her rabbits and the danger dogs are too small children.

The July 3, 2001 minutes were approved as presented.

Clerk Attaway stated a letter was received from the Department of State stating the Calhoun County Pioneer Settlement will received an \$89,269.00 Grant.

Clerk Attaway presented an update to the Board on the Article V Spending Plan as follows:

1. Door closures installed.
2. Water Fountain Elevation – ordered.
3. Braille signs for building restrooms and offices are being sought.
4. Restrooms on 1st floor can possibly be made handicap accessible without extensive plumbing concerns. This possibility is being addressed.

Clerk Attaway presented an update on cash management to the Board and audience.

Mr. Baudie Dillard asked the Board why the Board of County Commissioner room was moved to the second floor without the public being aware. After a lengthy discussion Chairman Whitfield stated that the Finance Office in the Clerk's Office needed more space and it was more feasible to move the Boardroom than to build a new addition costing several thousand of dollars.

Commissioner Pickron stated his only concern was the parking. Clerk Attaway stated that there were sixteen (16) spaces around the Ag-Building and approximately 30 spaces between the old courthouse and the Senior Citizen Building.

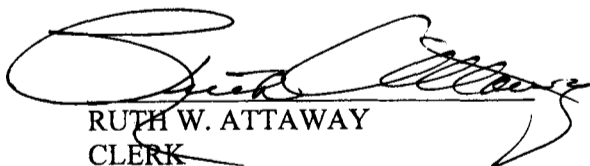
Sheriff Tatum addressed the Board in reference to forming a council to present information to the Board of County Commissioners in reference to building a new jail for Calhoun County. Sheriff Tatum presented to the Board Florida Statutes stating that a Public Safety Coordinating Council would have to be established for the County. The Council shall meet at the call of the chairperson for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county. After a lengthy discussion Chairman Whitfield recommended complying with Florida Statutes.

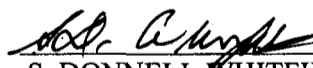
Attorney Fuqua stated that Roberts Sand Company requested a payment of \$20,304 for additional fill dirt on Parrish Lake Road. After a lengthy discussion, County Attorney Fuqua stated that Preble-Rish, Inc., County Engineers, stated that the fill dirt had been placed on Parrish Lake Road. After more discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt not to pay Roberts Sand Company for additional dirt. Motion dies from lack of a second. The Board discussed several options and a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried with Commissioner Hunt voting no to pay up to \$7,104 if Preble-Rish, County Engineers would put in writing that they will pay \$13,200.

Chairman Whitfield recommended placing Rita Maupin in the Senior Management position in the Florida Retirement System. All Commissioners were in agreement.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY
CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN

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