

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2001**

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

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

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

Chairman Whitfield asked Clerk Attaway to obtain quotes for two (2) wheel chairs for the Courthouse.

Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Superintendent updated the Board on the Maintenance activities. Mr. Roberts advised the Board that the boilers at the jail need to be replaced. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Roberts to obtain quotes for the boilers and report back to the Board.

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent updated the Board on the Road Department activities. Mr. Pickron stated that the road crews were cleaning ditches, mowing and emergency work as needed.

Mr. Pickron stated the Road Department needed additional employees to drive the (3) dump trucks purchased by the County. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Pickron to advertise for said positions.

The minutes of August 21, 2001 were approved as presented.

Mr. Dave McLain, addressed the Board on the ACF Water allocation Negotiations, River Flows and Quality of Life. Mr. McClain asked the Board to execute a Resolution evaluating any proposed agreement on tri-state waters affecting the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint River Basin. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to execute said Resolution.

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Mr. Terry Stone, Property Appraiser addressed the Board in reference to the Economic Development Ad Volorem Property Tax Exemption for Oglesby Plant International, Inc. Mr. Stone stated he had reviewed the application from Oglesby Plant International, Inc. and they do qualify for the exemption. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried for Attorney Fuqua to draft an ordinance and advertise for the exemption. The ordinance will be for (10) years, applying annually.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator addressed the Board on the tabled bids from the August 21, 2001 Board meeting. Mr. O'Bryan recommended awarding the contract to Marianna Lime, Inc. with the stipulation that the optimum moisture content cannot exceed 12% -14%. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Pickron to purchase up to 100,000 tons from Marianna Lime, Inc. FOB County site, provided it meets Section 911 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Standard Specifications at the following rates:

1. 0-10 Miles \$7.44/Ton
2. 11-20 Miles 7.44/Ton
3. 21-30 Miles 6.09/Ton

If specifications are met, the County may purchase the limerock from the next lowest bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried directing Harold Pickron to purchase limerock from Marianna, Lime, Inc. FOB County site, providing the limerock meets DOT Specifications. Furthermore, it is also understood, that no minimum quantity is required to be purchased from Marianna Line, Inc. by the County. The limerock hauled by the County will be purchased from American Lime & Dolomite, Inc. at the rate of \$5.40 per ton, providing American Lime & Dolomite's product meets Section 911 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Standard Specifications.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a Highway Safety Grant contract for \$27,700 with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for approval and execution. These funds were applied for by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office to purchase : Two (2) moving radar units, two (2) dash mounted video cameras, and one (1) trailer mounted message boards with radar. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said grant.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board an Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Contract with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for approval and execution. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution a Notice of Award and Agreement with C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. on the Small County Outreach Program (Scop) CR 275 South and the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) CR 287 and CR 69 South. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to execute the Notice of Award and Agreement for the SCOP and SCRAP Road Projects.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a Notice of Award, an Agreement, and Notice to Proceed with Ducky Johnson House Movers, for El Nino Graande HMGP Residential Elevations. Mr. O'Bryan stated that Debbie Roumelis, Belcher, Roumelis Planning and Development reviewed the bids and recommended accepting Ducky Johnson House Builders bid for \$304,796.20. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board amending C. W. Roberts contract for Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Grant, Bid Package II, in the amount of \$33,472.05 by change order to construct an additional 1,800' of road work and paving on Glory Hill Road. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to approve said change order.

Mr. O'Bryan stated he had advertised for sealed bids on DR-1344 Tropical Storm Helene for County Road 10, County Road 1, and County Road 12. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. (CST) on September 18,2001 and opened and read aloud at 5:00 p.m. (CST).

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a contract with Preble-Rish, Inc. for engineering services on White Water Grade Paving Project in the amount of \$40,000. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to enter into An Agreement with Preble-Rish, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to amend the Optional Relocation Assistance Policy (ORAP) to include: Homeowners who sell their homes to the County (under a flood acquisition grant) may get additional money (up to \$22,500 in rehousing assistance) if necessary to purchase a suitable replacement home. In order to make sure these homeowners use the rehousing money to but a decent home and live in it as their primary residence (not a seasonal home or other uses other than their real home), the County is amending its current policy. The rehousing money will be a five year forgivable loan, prorated out in equal monthly payments over the five year period. "The rehousing assistance is an optional form of assistance the County has chosen to adopt. Because it is optional, the County has chosen to make the award of rehousing assistance contingent upon the displaced homeowner actually living in the house for which the purchase assistance is provided. The rehousing assistance will be in the form of a deferred payment loan, similar to that used in the SHIP Program. The deferred loan period is five years, with repayment deferred as long as the homeowner maintains homeownership. Repayment will be required only if the homeowner ceases to use the purchased house as his/her primary residence at any time during the five year period. This applies to the

owner dying, moving out, selling, leasing, transferring by any other means, or never occupying the property as his/her primary residence and/or qualifying for homestead exemption on the property. If the primary residence requirement is not continued, repayment will be due upon transfer of the ownership, or within sixty days of no longer having primary residence, whichever occurs first. The amount of repayment will be the initial deferred loan amount minus 1/60 of the amount for each complete month of qualifying primary residence. This provides for the equivalent of a five year monthly repayment period, which is forgiven at the end of five years of qualifying primary residence". After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to amend the policy.

Mr. O'Bryan stated the three (3) 2001 Dump Trucks ordered by the Board would be delivered Friday, September 7, 2001.

Attorney Fuqua stated that Worker's Comp settled with Mark Elrod for all medical expense. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to accept said settlement.

Clerk Attaway updated the Board on the Jail Committee Meeting. The recommendations from the meeting were as follows:

1. Board of County Commissioners to advertise for Consulting Services.
 - a. Feasibility Study
 - b. Financial and operational
2. Hire a medical person to dispense medicine at the jail.

Chairman Whitfield recommended Clerk Attaway contact Dr. Sutton and discuss hiring a medical person for the jail.

Clerk Attaway presented for execution a Joint Participation Agreement from Florida Department of Transportation for the purchase of the Tractor/Mower for the Agriculture Park. The Board agreed by consensus to execute said agreement.

Clerk Attaway presented a resolution for execution authorizing the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute and enter into the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation Joint Participation Agreement". After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said resolution.

Clerk Attaway presented a letter for execution to Richard Owen, Federal Aviation Administration requesting that Calhoun County's Airport be placed in the FAA National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The Board agreed by consensus to execute said letter.

Clerk Attaway presented the 2001-2002 Weatherization Grant and Resolution for execution. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said Grant.

Clerk Attaway presented the final layout plan for the Calhoun County airport. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to table said plans until the next Board Meeting.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the shoulders off the road 274E from Altha to Road 69 E. needed some repairs. After discussion the Board directed the Road Superintendent to contact C. W. Roberts and report back to the Board.

Chairman Whitfield stated that two of the Road Department employee's salary was not correct and after discussion the Board agreed by consensus for Clerk Attaway to correct the salaries.

Chairman Whitfield stated there would be a meeting with Attorney Fuqua, the Union and himself to discuss the upcoming contract. Commissioner Hunt stated he would like to attend the meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron to appoint Commissioner Hunt to be the liaison between the Board and the Union. Chairman Whitfield relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Hunt, and seconded the motion. Commissioner Pickron, Whitfield, and Hunt voted yes, while Commissioner Sewell and Grant voted no. The motion was passed for Commissioner Hunt to be the liaison between the Board and the Union.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN

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