

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2002**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Morris, prayer by Commissioner Pickron and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Tony Arrant, Consultant presented to the Board the recommendations from the Planning Commission as follows:

1. Danny Ryals: Expansion of Mini-Warehouse footprint. (The Board approved the Commercial Building last month). After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the expansion of the Mini-Warehouse.
2. SBA Cell Phone Tower Application: After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the SBA Cell Phone Application.

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Superintendent presented to the Board for review a list of changes in the Personnel Policy. Mr. Pickron asked the Board for action to be taken at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Mr. Pickron asked the Board to consider the purchase of an additional tractor to use to cut roadside grass. The County already has a mower to use with the tractor.

Mr. Pickron stated that the Bailey Pit was running out of dirt and the county needed to locate another dirt pit for the Road Department use.

Samatha Taylor with the Chamber of Commerce presented to the Board for review a letter from Florida Association of Counties for a grant application for 2002-2003 County Rural Development (Co.RD) Project. She was directed to discuss the grant with Mr. O'Bryan, Grants Coordinator and bring back to the Board at a later meeting.

Mr. Mike Willis addressed the Board in reference to a drainage problem on his property. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for the Road Department to clean the ditch and make necessary repairs to the property after all Fema Projects are completed.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a resignation from Monica Brinkley, Calhoun County Extension Agent. Monica has been hired to fill a position in Liberty County as County Extension Director.

The minutes of February 5, 2002 was approved as presented.

Jerry Pitts asked the Board for a letter of support to apply for a grant for the County Wide Volunteer Fire Departments. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to write the letter of support.

The Board recessed at 6:00 P.M. to hold a Public Hearing.

The Board reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director/Grants Coordinator presented to the Board for execution a Notice of Award on FEMA 404 HMGP DR-1195 Tupelo Avenue Elevation and Relocation of School Parking Lot Project, to Glenn T. Warren & Company, Inc in the amount of \$473,266.68. Mr. O'Bryan stated that of the \$473,266.78 total projected cost, only \$305,800.38 is funded through grant funds. The Board of County Commissioners and the Calhoun County School Board will fund the remaining local match of \$166,466.40, at \$83,232.20 After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said award. Commissioner Hunt stated that problems on other road needed to be corrected. Commissioner Sewell abstained due to being employed with Glenn T. Warren & Company, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution a Notice to Proceed and Agreement on FEMA 404 HMGP DR-1249 Alliance Road Drainage Project to Carter's Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of 4242,242.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute the Notice to Proceed and Agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to advertise for House Hold Toxic Waste Day in conjunction with Waste Tire Amnesty Month. Waste Tires will be accepted at the Calhoun County Recycling Center for three days per week for the month of

March. The hours that Waste Tires will be accepted at the center are from 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (CST) on Thursday and Fridays and 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M (CST) on Saturdays.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution a contract from Debbie Roumelis/Belcher, Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Application Services in the amount of \$9,500.00 subject to the grant application being within the fundable range. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to execute said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan present to the Board for execution a contract from Debbie Roumelis/Belcher with Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration Services for \$68.00 per hour. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to execute said contract.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter for review from Preble-Rish, Inc. requesting that I-C Contractors, Inc. be granted an extension for 17 rain days on DR-1344 FEMA Bid Package # 1. Mr. O'Bryan and David Kennedy, Project Manager recommended to the Board to grant this extension.

Mr. O'Bryan requested that the Board advertise FEMA bid packages 10, 11 & 12.. The Board agreed by consensus to advertise these packages.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that an error was made on the Notice to Proceed for Bid Package # 5 to North Florida Construction. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for Mr. O'Bryan to make the necessary corrections on the Notice to Proceed.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board his concerns over road signs not in place on roads for 911 purposes. After discussion the Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to have Mr. Stone with Mapping & Addressing to install the remaining private signs.

Commissioner Hunt stated that a grader man should be hired to scatter rocks with the grader that was bought several months ago.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board who was responsible for the drop-off spots on Co. Road 274 East. After discussion the Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to send a certified letter to the contractor responsible.

Commissioner Pickron asked for information pertaining to the County's liability for Volunteer Fire Fighters to operate the Jaws of Life. Attorney Fuqua stated the County was covered under the liability policy.

Commissioner Pickron asked for advice from the County Attorney concerning Health Insurance being paid for an employee who chooses to be covered under their Spouse's Insurance. Attorney Fuqua advised that this could not be discussed until a Union Representative was present.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN