

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2002**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

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

Alvin Roberts, Maintenance Superintendent up-dated the Board on the ball fields at Sam Adkins Park. Mr. Roberts stated that the fields were ready for the sod. Mr. Roberts stated he had obtained two quotes for the fields. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept the recommendation of Mr. Roberts and purchase the sod from Wayne Suber. The sod will be delivered and laid for .15 cents a square foot for a total cost of \$9,000.00 for two fields.

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Department Superintendent up-dated the Board on the Road Department Activities. Mr. Pickron stated that all dirt had been hauled on the FEMA-small projects.

The Board of County Commissioner presented a plaque of appreciation to Monica Brinkley for fifteen and ½ years of dedicated service to the Calhoun County Extension Service.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director/Grants Coordinator presented a letter to the Board from the Office of the Governor granting a partial waiver for Calhoun County and the requested matching funds up to the amount of \$1,000,000 for federal reimbursement for Tropical Storm Helene DR-1344.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP). The approved project for Calhoun County is New Construction on White Water Grade/County Road 287A from CR-174 to SR 73. After discussion Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution Resolution # 2002-02 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute and enter into the "State of Florida, Department of Transportation County Incentive Grant Program Agreement." After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to execute said Resolution.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board for permission to advertise for Bids on White Water Grade and all were in agreement.

Mr. Pickron, Road Superintendent stated that GT Com Trucks plowed down the middle of one of the new roads. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to write a letter to GT Com requesting the trucks use the side of the road to pull their equipment and to install the lines.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that FEMA Project 1195-0055 Tupelo Avenue Drainage Project was approved. Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution the proposed modification agreement between Calhoun County and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said modification agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board to approve the Agreement and Notice to Proceed on FEMA 1195 Tupelo Drainage Project to Glenn T. Warren & Company, Inc. allowing the Chairman to execute said contract when prepared. A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said agreement. Commissioner Sewell abstaining due to being employed with Glenn T. Warren & Company.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to approve a change order to I-C Contractors in the amount of \$2,747.01 and (22) twenty-two increased rain days. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to execute said change order.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board the advertisement for Toxic Waste Day that will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2002 from 8:00 A. M. – 3:00 P. M. (CST).

Mr. O'Bryan stated that bids for FEMA Bid Package # 10, 11 & 12 for the following roads will be received until 4:00 P. M. (CST), on March 19, 2002 and read aloud on March 19, 2002 at 5:00 P. M. (CST):

BID PACKAGE # 10

**BUDDY CLEMMONS ROAD, FEMA PW # 3302, COUNTY PW # 1-1.
BUDDY JOHNSON ROAD, FEMA PW # 252, COUNTY PW # 2-6.
CALVIN MARTIN ROAD, FEMA PW # 206, COUNTY PW # 2-7.
HANNA TOWER ROAD EAST, FEMA PW # 208, COUNTY PW # 2-9.
HANNA TOWER ROAD WEST, FEMA PW # 209, COUNTY PW # 2-10.
JESS MUSGROVE ROAD, FEMA PW # 214, COUNTY PW # 2-15.**

BID PACKAGE # 11

**COUNTY ROAD 4, FEMA PW # 151, COUNTY PW # 5-4.
COUNTY ROAD 5, FEMA PW # 149, COUNTY PW # 5-5.
COUNTY ROAD 18, FEMA PW # 328, COUNTY PW # 5-7.
COUNTY ROAD 8, FEMA PW # 332, COUNTY PW # 5-11
JOHN DANIELS ROAD, FEMA PW # 336, COUNTY PW # 5-15.**

BID PACKAGE # 12

**COUNTY ROAD 13, FEMA PW # 327, COUNTY PW # 5-6.
COUNTY ROAD 21, FEMA PW # 329, COUNTY PW # 5-8.
COUNTY ROAD 21A, FEMA PW # 330, COUNTY PW # 5-9.
COUNTY ROAD # 6, FEMA PW # 331, COUNTY PW # 5-10.
COUNRT ROAD 9 FEMA PW # 333, COUNTY PW # 5-12.
J. A. DANIELS ROAD, FEMA # 335, COUNTY PW # 5-14.
DAVIS/PEACOCK ROAD, FEMA PW # 1161, COUNTY PW # 5-18.**

Ms. Samantha Taylor presented a letter to the Board from Florida Association of Counties for a Grant Application for 2002-03 County Rural Development (Co.Ed) Project. Ms. Taylor asked the Board to allow her to submit this application on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners with the Chamber of Commerce being responsible for the application upon Board approval. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to authorize the Chamber to apply to Florida Association of Counties for the grant on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Taylor asked the Board to execute a letter of support from the Board designating the Chamber of Commerce as the designated agency.

Ms. Taylor stated a letter was received from the Governor's Office stating that Calhoun County was approved as a Rural Enterprise Zone.

Ms. Taylor asked the Board of County Commissioners to appoint Raymond Russell to the Chipola Regional Workforce Board. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to appoint Mr. Russell to the Board.

Ms Taylor presented the first application for the Big River Cypress and Hardwood, Inc. Economic Development Fund Grant for approval. Ms. Taylor stated that the committee had reviewed the application. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve said application contingent upon approval by the County Attorney.

Attorney Fuqua addressed Health Insurance changes in the County Personnel Policy. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to adopt the changes with Commissioner Pickron voting no.

Mr. Larry Fincher, Union Representative asked the Board to consider three amendments to the union contract.

Chairman Whitfield stated that the Board discussed increasing the Grader Travel pay from \$70.19 to \$100.00 bi-weekly. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to increase the travel pay to \$100.00 bi-weekly.

The following changes were presented to the Board.

1. Add an additional Holiday, birthday or Good Friday. After discussion the Board was polled and each Commissioner voted no.
2. Increase the base pay for Truck Drivers from \$6.36 to \$7.00 per hour. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to increase the Truck Drivers salary.
3. 4% raise per year for the remainder of the Union agreement. Request denied.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a letter from Florida Department of Health Awarding a \$52,785.00 Grant to Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Clerk Attaway gave the Board an up-date on the renovation of the elevator in the Courthouse.

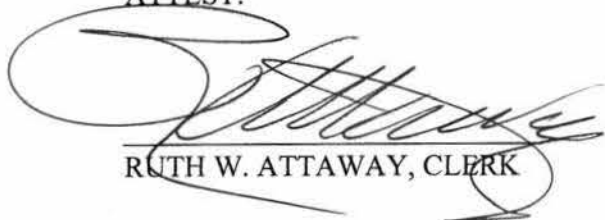
Commissioner Pickron stated that the Kinard Recreation Committee discussed the purchase of playground equipment for the Kinard Park. After research for the playground equipment it was determined that the equipment desired could only be found from a single source. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to authorize Clerk Attaway to go sole source for the purchase of this equipment.

The minutes of February 19, 2002 were approved as presented.

Commissioner Pickron discussed with the Board a Legislative Bulletin concerning Medicaid Cost Shift to Counties.

There being no further business the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN