

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSINERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 7, 2002 @ 5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

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

Chairman Whitfield called the Public Hearing to order with the following members present in the audience:

Debbie Roumellis Belcher  
Rick McGraw  
Jerry Pitts  
Harry Hagan  
Don A. O'Bryan

Attorney Fuqua read the public hearing announcement and turned the hearing over to Don A. O'Bryan. Mr. O'Bryan announced that Ms. Belcher would describe the proposed 2002 CDBG Neighborhood/Revitalization application.

Ms. Belcher identified the roads to be paved by the \$700,000 grant, if awarded. The roads are Newsome Road/Pine Ridge Road, Jim Durham Road, Porter Grade Road and River Road/Capt. Lynn Road. Leonard Varnum Road East and Leonard Varnum Road West will be included as alternates to be paved if sufficient funds are available. Ms. Belcher reported that she had completed the household surveys for each of these projects, and the roads are eligible for funding based on CDBG criteria for low and very low income household benefits.

Ms. Belcher reported that the County's Local Mitigation Steering (LMS) Committee, functioning as the Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF), had met prior to the public hearing and approved the proposed CDBG application. The also approved amending the LMS to include the proposed CDBG road paving projects.

FEMA funds for Porter Grade Road and Newsome Road are to be used as leverage in the CDBG application. A recommendation was made by Mr. O'Bryan to include River Road/Capt. Lynn Road as a primary project in the CDBG application, increasing the LMI

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household. Mr. O'Bryan has applied to additional FEMA funds for Porter Grade Road; however, since these funds have not been approved, they cannot be included in the application budget. Ms. Belcher requested the Board consider the use of local funds as additional leverage for the CDBG application.

Mr. O'Bryan reminded the Board that they had previously budgeted \$200,000 in local funds toward the paving of River Road/Capt. Lynn Road. He recommended that the Board commit these funds to the CDBG application as leverage. The Board members agreed that the local funds were budgeted for this purpose.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
S. DONNELL WHITEFIELD  
CHAIRMAN