

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2002**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

**GENE MORRIS, COURTHOUSE SECURITY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
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.

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. with the following recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Foster Storage Building Application. After discussion, the Planning Commission recommended to the Board to approve the Foster Storage Building. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Foster Storage Building.

The Board received a letter from Donald Rutland stating that his firm will provide a Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Calhoun County Commissioners and Sheriff. After a lengthy discussion the Board authorized Mr. Rutland to proceed with the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study.

Mr. Lawrence Vickery, representing Representative Slosberg asked the Board to pass an ordinance on Education Safety Act. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to deny the request.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator asked the Board for permission to purchase a Ford F550 Truck under State Contract in the amount of \$33,173.00 with Small County waster Funds. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to purchase the new truck.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board for permission to use approximately \$6,000.00 of Small County Waste and Litter Control Grant Funds to purchase a gooseneck trailer. The Board instructed Mr. O'Bryan to obtain three (3) quotes. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to purchase the goose-necked trailer.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board for permission to purchase a copier for the Emergency Management Office with EMPA Grant Funds. The following three (3) quotes have been received:

Coastal Business Products - \$5,000.00
Canon USA - \$7,665.50
American Business Center - \$9,985.00

After discussion the Board agreed by consensus for the purchase of the new copier from Coastal Business Products in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for execution the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$103,196.00. 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 the projected cost of \$113,770.20 to pave 1.8 miles on Silas Whitfield Road and \$31,919.15 to pave 0.5 miles on New Landing Road. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to proceed with the project.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for information a letter to Carter's Contracting Services concerning Alliance Road Drainage Project.

Mr. O'Bryan invited the Board to attend a Public Hearing on the Development of Ocheessee Recreational Park on August 21, 2002 at 5:30 P.M. (CST) in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. O'Bryan if camping is permitted at the Ocheessee Landing. Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stating that camping is not permitted. Commissioner Grant stated that until the County is financially able to install the necessary water wells and septic tanks, camping should not be permitted. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried with Commissioner Hunt voting no to prepare an ordinance stating that camping is not permitted at Boat Ramps in Calhoun County.

Attorney Fuqua read the bid advertisement for a Seven Unit T-Hanger, Maintenance/Terminal Hanger and Fuel Farm and the Board received sealed bids as follows:

1. Big River Construction - \$627,166.00
2. Eldridge Construction - \$583,044.00
3. Garrison Design & Construction - \$584,852.00

After discussion the a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to award low bid to Eldridge Construction in the amount of \$583,852.00 contingent upon review by the IDA Board.

Maxie Waldorff, with the IDA Board asked the Board to wave the permit fees at the Agriculture Park. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to waive the permit cost.

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for execution a Joint Participation Agreement for the purchase of land for extension of the runway on the North End of the Calhoun County Airport. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to execute said Agreement. Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for execution a proposal for professional services for the Calhoun County Airport Improvements in the amount of \$5,350.00. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to execute said proposal.

Mr. Waldorff asked the Board to approve his signing a proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the Calhoun County Ag-Park Stormwater Permit. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus for Mr. Waldorff to execute said proposal.

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for the Utility Ordinance. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Sewell, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to adopt said ordinance.

Attorney Fuqua asked the Board to advertise for the closing of a portion of New Landing Road. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to advertise for said road.

Commissioner Pickron asked the Board to allow Mr. Danny Anners to use the property adjacent to the Kinard Volunteer Fire Department, provided that the use is on a month to month basis and is conditional upon concurrence with the Kinard Volunteer Fire Department and Commissioner Pickron. Mr. Anderson will be responsible for cutting the grass and keeping debris off the property.

The minutes of August 6, 2002 are approved as presented.

Mr. Billy Joe Bryant asked the Board to give a statement of recognition for the Apalachee River Creek Indian Tribe Organization. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to recognize said Indian Tribe.

Commissioner Grant asked that the lights be fixed at Sam Adkins Park.

Commissioner Grant appointed Larche McGlochan to the Calhoun County Library Board, Commissioner Sewell appointed Pat Suggs, Commissioner Hunt appointed Dannie Bracewell, Commissioner Pickron appointed Clarice Capps and Chairman Whitfield appointed Mary Ann Williams to the Board.

Commissioner Pickron asked the Board to renew the Beaver Damage Management Contract for approximately \$1,500.00. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to renew the contract.

Mr. Dowling Parrish asked the Board to purchase a computer from Ship Funds. After discussion the Board asked Mr. Parrish and Clerk Attaway to review funding operations and report back to the Board.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN

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