

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS+**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 17, 2003**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

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

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

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director/Grants Coordinator stated that at the June 3, 2003, Board Meeting the Board received and tabled proposals for the COOP, COG and Terrorism Planning & Preparation of Training for Emergency Preparedness from Disaster Resource Management (DRM). Mr. O'Bryan stated that the review committee had reviewed the one and only proposal from DRM; furthermore, it was an unanimous recommendation of the Committee that the Board award the contract to DRM for \$25,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to award the contract to DRM for \$25,000.00.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that at the June 3, 2003 Board Meeting the Board received and tabled a proposal from Disaster Resource Management (DRM) to revise the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS). Mr. O'Bryan stated that the review Committee had reviewed the one and only proposal from Disaster Resource Management (DRM). Therefore, it was an unanimous recommendation of the Committee to award the contract to DRM for \$26,667. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to award the contract to DRM for \$26,667.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #2 for an increase of \$6,750 on John Redd Road East Relocation Project to Carter's Contracting Services, Inc. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried to approve and execute Change Order #2.

Mr. O'Bryan up-dated the Board on DR-1344 FEMA 404 HMGP Porter Grade Road project.

A Public Hearing was held and Attorney Fuqua read the bid advertisement on Ordinance # 03-05 to Close A Portion Of the Buddy Clemmons Road And Leon Durham Road. Chairman Pickron allowed the audience to discuss the road closing and Willie D. Wise presented to the Board signatures opposing the closing of New Landing Road and Jim Durham and Buddy Clemmons Road. Commissioner Grant asked Attorney Fuqua if he had a conflict of interest because Hayes Leonard is Chairman of Neal Land and Timber. Mr. Leonard advised that the petition was brought by Leon Durham, not Hayes Leonard. Attorney Fuqua stated there was no conflict of interest and that Commissioner Grant could vote. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell and carried with Commissioner's Hunt and Pickron voting no to adopt Ordinance # 05.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that the BCC would be closing one-half of the road. He said that there is not one house on the road, no utilities on the road and in the history of Calhoun County, Leon Durham has never sold any property and this road is nothing but a firebreak.

Commissioner Hunt voted no and stated that the road was connected to two major highways, Hwy. 20 and Hwy 71. He said that he would not like for the road to be closed.

Chairman Pickron read a letter from the Department Of Community Affairs (DCA) stating that they saw nothing in the Agreement that would prohibit the County from closing the Leon Durham Road if the Board Of County Commissioners determines that to do so is in the public interest.

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for Ordinance # 03-04 Titled "Calhoun County Circuit and County Court Facility Fund Ordinance", Increasing The Service Charge To Be Added To Filing Fees Paid At The Paid At The Commencement Of Any Civil Action, Suit Or Proceeding In The Circuit Court Of Calhoun County For The Purposes Of Providing And Maintaining Facilities For The Use Of Circuit Court; Increasing The Service Charge To Be Added To Filing Fees Paid At The Commencement Of Any Civil Action, Suit For Processing In The County Court Of Calhoun County For The Purposes Of Providing And Maintaining Facilities For The Use Of The County Court. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Sewell carried to adopt said Ordinance.

Ms. Melissa Brown, EMS Director discussed with the Board selling the 1977 Ford Ambulance to EMS for \$8,256.00 and this money will be used for the 10% match to purchase a new ambulance. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to use the money received from the sale of the ambulance to purchase a new ambulance.

Ms. Brown asked the Board for permission to advertise for the new ambulance. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for EMS to advertise and accept bids on a new ambulance for EMS.

Mr. Wise asked the Board if the New Landing Road should be opened while waiting the re-advertised Public Hearing? Attorney Fuqua stated that the Board did not have to spend money to open the road.

Mr. Wise asked the Board if the policy for working on Private Property had changed? Mr. Wise stated there are six instances of the County Road Crew working on private roads and driveways.

Attorney Fuqua asked Mr. Wise if he wanted to peruse the closing of a portion of County Road 549? Mr. Wise stated no.

The minutes of June 3, 2003 were approved as presented.

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) asked the Board to appoint one Board member to negotiate and make changes to the School Planning Interlocal Agreement. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded Commissioner Hunt and carried to appoint Chairman Pickron to negotiate and make changes to the School Planning Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Hunt stated there was much needed work to be done on the roads in Pine Island. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to authorize the Road Superintendent to inspect all roads in the County that may need resurfacing and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Hunt stated that Road Superintendent, Harold Pickron, would not be working for the County any longer. Commissioner Hunt stated the Road Superintendent position should be advertised. After a lengthy discussion, the Board was polled with Commissioners, Pickron, Whitfield and Grant voting to place Bill Adkins as acting Superintendent until the position is filled. Commissioner Hunt voted no. Commissioner Sewell abstained from voting as he is related to Mr. Adkins. Commissioner Hunt stated that the position should be filled by seniority.

Commissioner Hunt stated that the Road Department needed more employees.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that Sheriff Tatum would furnish inmates to cut the grass on the roadsides.

Commissioner Hunt stated that he was ready to proceed at the Ocheessee Park. The Board suggested to Commissioner Hunt to contact Mr. O'Bryan and Mr. Jenks on said project.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
JIM PICKRON, CHAIRMAN

OR BOOK 13 PAGE 34