

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2003**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

**BLISS MOREAU, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

CHUCK BOZEMAN, ROAD ABANDONMENT

Chuck Bozeman asked the Board to abandon a portion of a road in Live Oak Heights. Mr. Bozeman presented to the Board signatures from surrounding landowners supporting the closure of the road. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve the abandonment of the road. Commissioner Whitfield advised Mr. Bozeman to contact County Attorney Fuqua and have the paperwork prepared. Commissioner Whitfield advised Mr. Bozeman that he and the surrounding landowners would be responsible for all cost of closing the road.

MAXIE WALDORFF, IDA BOARD

Mr. Waldorff updated the Board on the activities at the Ag-Park. Mr. Waldorff stated that three (3) portions of the project was completed:

1. T Hangers
2. Maintenance Hanger
3. Fuel Tank

Mr. Waldorff stated he was still working to Lease the Catfish Plant.

BOBBY CLARK, WESTSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Clark asked the Board to write a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting that they consider donating the DOT Road Yard located on SR 20 West in Calhoun County to Calhoun County for use by the West Side Fire Department. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried for Chairman Sewell to execute a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting the property be deeded to Calhoun County. The parcel of property is now owned and is being used by Florida State Department of Transportation as a Road Yard. If the Florida Department Of Transportation agrees to deed the property to the County, the County will then request that DOT lease the property to West Side Fire Department for a period of 25 years. This action will put West Side Fire Department in a position to receive grants in the future. Commissioner Pickron requested to the Board that Mr. O'Bryan hand deliver this letter from the BCC to Mr. Ed Prescott with the Florida Department of Transportation.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua will send a letter to Clinton Mears asking him to remove all cars off county property.

CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval for the Tax Collector's Office an advertisement for Advertising Services, (Bordered and Non-Bordered) and Legal Advertisements. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to extend the contracts with the County Record and the Liberty Journal for one year.

Clerk Attaway advised the Board that bids will be opened on January 6, 2004 for exterminating and uniforms.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a request from the Florida Department of Transportation asking that the Board accept the maintenance and pay the power bill for an additional flashing school zone to be installed on SR 69. This flashing light will be for westbound vehicles approaching SR 71. After discussion, the Board tabled this request for further research.

The minutes of December 2, 2003 were approved as presented.

COMMISSINER HUNT

Commissioner Hunt stated that the American Legion had requested the need for some milled asphalt at the American Legion on Hwy 20.

CHAIRMAN SEWELL

Chairman Sewell stated that Bill Adkins, Road Superintendent had asked the Board to allow the Road Department to close the week of Christmas (December 22-26, 2003). After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus. If an employee does not have annual leave to cover his absence he would receive leave without pay.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD

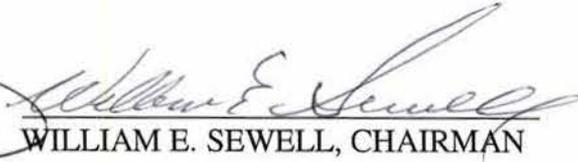
Commissioner Whitfield recommended to the Board to promote Don A. O'Bryan to Administrator to the Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to promote Mr. O'Bryan to this position. Commissioner Whitfield stated that all of Mr. O'Bryan's salary is funded through grant monies.

Commissioner Whitfield asked Attorney Fuqua to set a meeting between Snowden Surveying, Commissioner Whitfield, Bill Adkins, Road Supt. and the County Attorney to discuss the Lee Hill Road. Janice Moore asked if she could attend the meeting. The County Attorney stated not at this time. He stated that the decision will later come before the Board and at that time, the public would be heard.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN