

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2004**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**EARL HUNT, ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS
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.

BILL ADKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Adkins updated the Board on the activities at the Road Department. Mr. Adkins stated that the Road Department is working in Chairman Sewell's district and would need two additional days to complete the work due to the rain. Commissioner Grant discussed with Mr. Adkins and the Board about placing road signs at Hicks Creek. The Board directed Mr. Adkins to order the signs.

TIM JENKS, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Jenks updated the Board on the activities with the Maintenance Department. Mr. Jenks stated he would finish the bathrooms at Ocheessee Park within two or three days. Mr. Jenks stated that they would pour the sidewalk. He said that they also needed to fertilize and sod the park.

Mr. Jenks stated that the ball fields at Sam Adkins Park are in good shape. The Board discussed with Mr. Jenks about charging \$150.00 per field, per day for ball tournaments. Mr. Jenks stated that the supplies for the fields had increased tremendously. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to charge \$150.00 per field, per day for ball tournaments. The Board will continue to collect the fees for the lights.

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DON A. O'BRYAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/GRANTS COORDINATOR

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a copy of the advertisement to receive sealed bids on Iola Road EWP – DSR No. Cal-021, Dairy Road EWP – DSR No Cal-022 and Musgrove Road EWP-DSR No. Cal-025. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. (CST), on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office and bids will be read aloud at 5:15 P.M. (CST), or as soon thereafter as possible. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. (CST) on Friday, March 12, 2004 at the Calhoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the basement of the Calhoun County Courthouse.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a copy of the advertisement to receive sealed proposals for the Removal and Disposal of Waste Tires. Proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. (CST) on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office and bids will be read aloud at 5:15 P.M. (CST), or as soon thereafter as possible.

Mr. O'Bryan present to the Board an advertisement for a Notice of Public Hearing for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 P.M. (CST) on March 16, 2004 in the Commission meeting room of the Calhoun County Courthouse. The Hearing is to receive citizen views concerning the grant application.

The Commissioners discussed with Mr. O'Bryan the need for several road signs in the County. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for each Commissioner to prepare a list of signs needed in their district for Mr. O'Bryan.

COMMISSIONER PICKRON

Commissioner Pickron stated that Ms. Betty Sue Lovett contacted him concerning stray dogs in the Oak Grove Community. Mr. Pickron stated that a pit bulldog and other large dogs had harmed a small dog in the community. Chairman Sewell stated that they should contact the Sheriff's Department. Calhoun County does not have a leash law at this time.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua discussed with the Board about Mr. Parrish, Calhoun County Building Inspector collecting fees for the City of Blountstown. The Board sated they would like to collect a minimum fee of \$6,000 per month from the City of Blountstown with any excess of fees collected going to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner's Pickron and Grant expressed that they would like to see Mr. Parrish receive a raise for the extra duties. Commissioner Whitfield stated that the duties are perform within an eight (8) hour day, and he would like to see the money go back to the general fund. After more discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to set a minimum fee of \$6,000 per month plus any amount collected in excess of \$6,000 is collected from inspection fees the City will be billed for the additional money.

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Attorney Fuqua discussed with the Board Lee Hill Road. Attorney Fuqua discussed the Title Insurance Policy with the Board. The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to do the necessary paperwork to start work on the road. The Board directed attorney Fuqua to write a letter to the Moore's stating that the Board will resume work on the road. Commissioner Whitfield stated that Mr. Moore told the Road Superintendent to do what is necessary to build the road.

CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway stated that Andrew Ramsey with the White Earth Tribal town (Calhoun County Creek Indians) asked the Board to renew the existing lease for an additional 25 years. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to renew to existing lease for an additional 25 years.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD

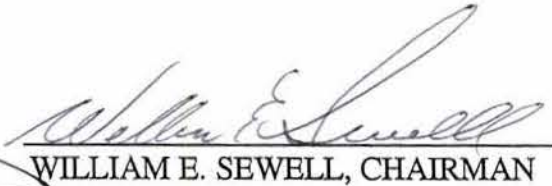
Commissioner Whitfield stated he would like to make a motion to renew the Panhandle Saddle Club lease for an additional 25 years at this time. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to renew the existing lease for the Panhandle Saddle Club for an additional 25 years.

The February 17, 2004 minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN