

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2004**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**TRUMAN GRANT, VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN, ABSENT
EARL HUNT
JIM PICKRON
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD**

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
ROMAN WOOD, DEPUTY
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by deputy Wood, with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Whitfield.

PUBLIC HEARING 2004-2005 MILLAGE RATE

A Public Hearing was held to adopt Resolution 2004-08 establishing the millage rate for Calhoun County for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2005. The millage was adopted at a rate of (10) mills per thousand dollars, an increase of 2.4 % in the roll back rate. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to adopt Resolution 2004-08.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Vice-Chairman Grant to execute Resolution 2004-08.

PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL/YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET

A Public Hearing was held to adopt Resolution 2004-09 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$10,454,474. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to adopt Resolution 2004-09 Fiscal/Year Budget in the amount of \$10,454,474.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to for Vice-Chairman Grant to execute Resolution 2004-09.

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WILLIAM G. (BUDDY) SMITH

Mr. Smith asked the Board for assistance in the Cleanup on his property and the other victims property resulting from Hurricane Ivan. After a lengthy discussion, with Mr. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director and Tony Mandez with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the audience, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to allow the County to remove any and all, structural, household and construction debris anywhere on an individual's property. And to remove trees, limbs, and branches on a two acre parcel immediately surrounding the dwelling unit. Attorney Fuqua stated that he would prepare a Hold Harmless Agreement for each landowner to sign. Mr. O'Bryan stated that Liberty County Landfill would accommodate Calhoun County with the disposal of Hurricane Ivan's Debris for \$30.00 a ton. Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to accept this offer. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to accept the proposal from the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners.

The Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to contact Warden Wainwright with Calhoun Corrections and Sheriff Tatum to ask for help from their inmates to remove the debris in the County.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board and all that participated in the Emergency Management Operations during Hurricane Ivan for a job well done.

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

COUNTY ROAD 274 WEST WIDENING PROJECT BIDS

The Board received sealed bids on 2004 C.T.S.T. Project/County Road 274 West as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL BASE BID
BAXTER'S ASPHALT & CONCRETE CO. INC.	\$1,786,469.70
C.W. ROBERTS CONTRACTING, INC.	1,677,761.90

Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the Board award low bid to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for \$1,677,761.90 subject to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve said recommendation.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency for Hurricane Ivan. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute said Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to allow Vice-Chairman Grant to execute the additional State of Emergencies for each week as necessary.

BILL ADKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Adkins asked the Board to allow him to work his employees 10 hours a day, five days a week. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to grant this request.

MAXIE WALDORFF, IDA BOARD

Mr. Waldorff updated the Board on the Water and Sewer Project at the Agricultural Park. Mr. Waldorff asked for permission to allow the County Engineers to start the closing process for the water system. Mr. Waldorff stated that a 6 -month extension was needed to finish the closing of the project. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to authorize Mr. Waldorff to contact Preble-Rish, Inc., County Engineers and proceed with the closing process.

MR. LARRY LEAHEY/HAMILTON SPRINGS ROAD

Mr. Leahey discussed with the Board the 20' right-of-way on Hamilton Springs Road. Mr. Leahey asked that no mowers or equipment be on the road. He also asked that the Board respect his request and adhere to the 20' right-of-way. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by commissioner Hunt and carried to respect his request and restrict activity to the area presently being maintained.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua presented to the Board for approval and execution the 2004-2005 Physician Contract between Calhoun County and Dr. Carol Sutton. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said Contract.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD

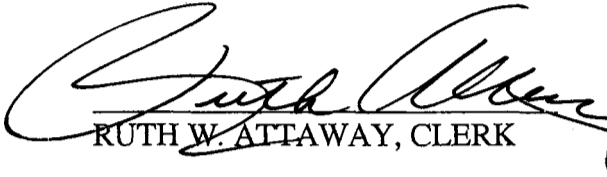
Commissioner Whitfield made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for the County to proceed with the forced accounting system until all is recovered from Hurricane Ivan.

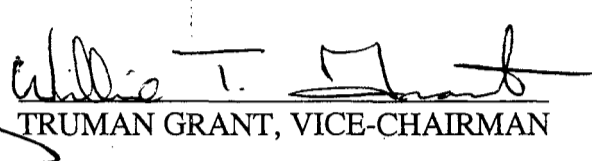
COMMISSINER GRANT

Commissioner Grant asked that the Board write a letter of appreciation to Channel 13 TV and Channel 7 WJHG TV with a special recognition to Jason Kelly for an outstanding performance during the Hurricane coverage. Motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Clerk Attaway to write the letter.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


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