

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2004**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

**TONY PHINNEY, DEPUTY  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

**BILL ADKINS, ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Adkins stated that his employees are working ten (10) hour days on cleanup from Hurricane Ivan. Mr. Adkins stated they would continue until the debris is gone.

Commissioner Whitfield discussed downed trees in Mrs. Irvin Malloy's yard. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director to contact Mrs. Malloy concerning the debris in her yard.

Mr. Adkins stated that he would be advertising for two truck drivers for the Road Department.

**CHAIRMAN SEWELL, UPDATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Due to the absence of Mr. Jenks, Maintenance Supervisor Chairman Sewell stated that Mr. Jenks had Ocheessee Park ready for the dedication on Thursday, October 7, 2004.

Mr. Jenks asked that the Board approve the following days of annual leave. The schedule of requested annual leave is as follows:

November 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to grant the above request.

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

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval two Local State of Emergencies dated October 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and October 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 for Hurricane Ivan. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve the Local State of Emergencies.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the Neighborhood Revitalization CDBG Contract from Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The Fiscal Year 2004 CDBG Block Grant application is for \$700,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said grant.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Base Grant from Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Emergency Management (DEM). The amount of the grant is \$105,806 less \$2,847 for the county's portion of the statewide satellite service costs. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board the debris from Hurricane Ivan.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board problems concerning special needs persons in the event of a hurricane. Ms. Rita Maupin explained the difficulties she and Mr. O'Bryan had during Hurricane Ivan in arranging for proper facilities for special needs people. Ms. Maupin also, commended Mr. O'Bryan and his staff, the Board and other agencies for a job well done during Hurricane Ivan. In discussion, Mr. O'Bryan mentioned one specific person that still needed help. After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked Ms. Maupin and Mr. O'Bryan to contact Mr. Dave Odum at the Calhoun County Health Department to discuss the future special needs problems as well as the individual with current needs.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a letter from Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners asking the board to support full state funding for any federal cost-share requirements associated with the 2004 Presidential-declared disasters. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Attorney Fuqua to prepare a Resolution in support of the funding.

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**BETTY HARTZELL**

Ms. Betty Hartzell discussed with the Board the debris remaining on Hwy 69 A. Ms. Hartzell asked the Board who was responsible for security during the Hurricane. The Board stated that the Sheriff's Department was responsible for the security. Ms. Hartzell stated that she was unhappy with the way that security was handled during and after Hurricane Ivan.

Ms. Hartzell commended Mr. O'Bryan and his office for a job well done.

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY**

Attorney Fuqua updated the Board on Lee Hill Road. Attorney Fuqua stated that a potential settlement had been reached on the widening of Lee Hill Road. The proposed line is approximately 12' off the edge of the Moore's property as delineated by Snowden's marker. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept the proposal.

**CLERK ATTAWAY**

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board an invoice from Florida Association of Counties for \$1,761.00. The Board discussed the benefits of staying in the Association and asked Clerk Attaway to submit the voucher for payment.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution an Interlocal Agreement between the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioner's and the Medical Examiners Office. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a resolution identifying eight counties (Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Gadsden, Liberty, Gulf and Franklin) as Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said Resolution.

**COMMISSIONER PICKRON**

Commissioner Pickron presented to the Board a letter from Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center asking the Board to reimburse Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center for the initial forensic physical examinations, which are not reimbursed by Victim's Crime Compensation. After discussion, the Board asked Clerk Attaway to research the request and report back to the Board.


**COMMISSIONER SEWELL**

Commissioner Sewell discussed with the Board quotes from Thompson Tractor Company, Inc. on a D4G and D3G Dozier. The Board agreed with Commissioner Whitfield that they should wait until Mr. O'Bryan has some project worksheet complete before purchasing a Dozier.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
WILLIAM E. SEWELL, CHAIRMAN

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