

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 2004**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**TRUMAN GRANT, CHAIRMAN  
EARL HUNT, VICE CHAIRMAN  
DANNY R. WISE  
JIM PICKRON  
JERL HALL**

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
DEPUTY ROMAN WOOD  
DEPUTY TONY PHINNEY  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Attorney Fuqua read the Oath of Office to GERALD HALL and DANNY R. WISE and JIM PICKRON as new Commissioner's for Calhoun County. At this time, a motion was made by Commissioner PICKRON, seconded by Commissioner WISE and carried to appoint Commissioner GRANT to serve as Chairman for the next year and Commissioner HUNT to serve as Vice-Chairman for the next year.

**POLE BARN BIDS**

Attorney Fuqua read the bid advertisement for the construction of a 32'W X 60' L X 10' H Pole Barn/Pavilion at Cooper Recreational Park and opened the bids as follows:

| <b><u>BIDDER</u></b>    | <b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Blountstown Truss, Inc. | \$ 5,995.00             |
| I-C Contractors, Inc.   | 10,193.64               |

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner PICKRON, seconded by Commissioner HUNT and carried to table the above bid for review and report back at the next Board Meeting.

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Attorney Fuqua read the Septic Tank Advertisement and opened the bids as follows:

|           | <b>YODER BACKHOE</b> |
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| V. GEIGER | \$1,900.00           |
| L. HALL   | 2,070.00             |
| T. PITTS  | 1,925.00             |

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept low bid from Yoder's Backhoe.

**MAXIE WALDORFF, IDA BOARD**

Mr. Waldorff discussed with the Board a letter he received from Preble-Rish, Inc. stating that Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) contacted them stating that Calhoun County had 60 days to completely disconnect all influent lines to the current wastewater treatment facility and provide septic service to the existing restrooms. Mr. Waldorff stated that Melvin Engineering Inc. was interested in the project. After discussion the Board directed Mr. Waldorff to contact Melvin Engineering, Inc. and obtain a cost estimate of the project. The Board directed Mr. Waldorff to advertise for said bids and opened the bids at the December 7, 2004 Board Meeting. Mr. Waldorff stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) will fund this project.

Mr. Waldorff asked the Board to appoint Commissioner Pickron to execute all documents involved in the project. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried for Commissioner Pickron to execute said documents.

Mr. Waldorff stated that L-3 wanted to move into the Catfish Plant and take over operations. They agreed to pay the first month rent and move in until the agreement is approved and executed. After discussion, the Board stated they did not want L-3 to move into the plant until the Agreement is approved and executed.

Mr. Waldorff stated he felt that North Florida Construction will complete their job on time.

Mr. Waldorff asked the Board to appoint two new members to the IDA Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to appoint Chairman Pickron to represent the Board.

Commissioner Grant appointed Carrie Baker to represent District 4.

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**MELISSA BROWN, FIRST RESPONDER**

Melissa Brown stated that she met with Clerk Attaway and discussed the Liability Insurance involved with First Responders. Ms. Brown stated that all the information had not been obtained and stated that she would work with Clerk Attaway and report back at the next scheduled meeting. Ms. Brown stated she would be leaving EMS to take a position with the State of Florida. She thanked the Board for working with her. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Brown for a job well done.

**LARRY WALTERS, DRAG STRIP**

Mr. Larry Walters discussed with the Board his Drag Strip on Apache Rd. Mr. Walters stated that the property is zoned Agricultural and that there is some confusion about the zoning of the property. Mr. Walters stated that he was selling the property. The zoning of the said property would revert back to Agricultural if it had been shut down for over a year and he would have to go thru the whole rezoning process. Chairman Grant, stated that he had raced there within the last year. Mr. Walters asked the Board to grandfather his property in as Commercial. Mr. Arrant, Consultant stated that a mistake had been made on the zoning of his property and the Board could grandfather Mr. Walter's property in as Commercial instead of Agricultural if the racetrack has been in operation in the past twelve months. Chairman Grant and Commissioner Hunt stated it had been less than a year since there had been active at the track. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to grandfather in the property so Mr. Walters can sell. Commissioner Pickron stated he would vote to grandfather in the property on Chairman Grant's word that he personally knew that the track had been in operation within the last year.

**MIKE WILLIS, DRAINAGE**

Mr. Willis discussed with the Board the drainage on his property. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to meet as a group on December 7, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. to discuss the problems on the property.

**LARRY LEAHEY, HAMILTON SPRINGS ROAD**

Mr. Leahey asked the Board to amend the November 2, 2004 minutes by changing "the road, to "on his property)." After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to make the above change.

Mr. Leahey asked the Board to agree and accept the 20' paved portion as the County right-of-way on Hamilton Spring and Larramore Roads; furthermore, the County will not encroach, travel upon or maintain Mr. Leahey's land, which adjoins the paved right-of-way without his permission. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to honor his request and not go on his property without permission.

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**VICKI ABRAM, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Ms. Abram with the Florida Department of Children and Families discussed with the Board the letter dated November 1, 2004 informing the Board that District 2 will implement a reduction of days of operation in the Economic Staff Sufficiency Program at the Calhoun County Service Center in Blountstown. She stated that Calhoun County will relocate to Jackson County. The Board expressed deep concerns over this action. Ms. Abram stated that all employees would be relocated to another office.

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY**

Attorney Fuqua welcomed the new Commissioners and discussed with them the sunshine law. Attorney Fuqua stated a training session will be held on January 21, 2005 for all Commissioners.

The November 2, 2004 minutes were approved as amended.

**COMMISSIONER HUNT**

A motion made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to recess every hour during the board meetings.

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board codes passed by the State of Florida on Mobile Homes.

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board the Noise Ordinance. He stated if there was not one on record he would like to have one prepared. Clerk to review and report back to the Board.

**COMMISSIONER WISE**

Commissioner Wise discussed with the Board dirt coming off private property onto a County road is causing a hazard. After discussion, the Board recommended to Commissioner Wise to place a berm on the County Road.

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**HARRY HAGAN, GREENWAY TRAIL**

Mr. Hagan stated that the fence at Cooper Park and Sam Adkins Park needed to be moved in order to continue with the Greenway trail. The Board asked Commissioner Wise to review and report back to the Board.

Mr. Hagan stated that a grader was needed at the Agri-Park Pavilion. Commissioners Pickron and Grant will be in charge of the graders.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
TRUMAN GRANT, CHAIRMAN

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