

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2005**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**TRUMAN GRANT, CHAIRMAN
EARL HUNT, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DANNY RAY WISE
JIM PICKRON
JERAL HALL, SR.**

**TONY PHINNEY, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JUDY DUNCAN, COURT REPORTER
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Phinney, with Chairman Grant leading in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

BOBBY PICKLES, WITH CONGRESSMAN BOYD'S OFFICE

Mr. Pickles discussed with the Board health care issues. He asked the Board to form a Council to discuss health care issues in Calhoun County. He asked that one person be designated from the council to represent Calhoun County to advise Congressman Boyd on local issues. This appointment should be done within 60 days.

SHIP SEPTIC TANK BIDS

	<u>YODERS BACKHOE</u>	<u>BLOUNTSTOWN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL</u>
M. Kiener	\$1,975.00	\$2,700.00
J. Maddox	\$1,975.00	\$2,750.00
S. Holmes	\$1,650.00	\$2,750.00
C. Dieter	\$1,975.00	\$2,700.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve low bid, per house, per contractor.

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TIM JENKS, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Jenks stated that his department was working at Sam Adkins Park getting ready for the ball season. He stated that the fence at Kinard Park would be finished soon and then they would start work at Cooper's Park

BILL ADKINS, UPDATE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Adkins stated that his Department was working hard on the roads and cleanup after the recent storm. He stated that they are working in District 4 and would be in District 5 soon.

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

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board to execute a second Local State of Emergency beginning on April 8 – 15, 2005. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to approve and execute said Local State of Emergency.

Commissioner Wise and Commissioner Hunt discussed with Mr. O'Bryan and Dowling Parrish the possibility of suspending the advertising requirements in the Calhoun County Procurement Policy because of the Local State of Emergency. Mr. Hunt stated that this was an emergency situation and the Board should fix the roofs on the homes of Brigham and Simmons that were damaged by the March 26, 2005 storm. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to suspend the advertising requirements on the Procurement Policy and obtain three quotes on repairing the roofs on these two structures through the Ship Program.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that he was scheduling a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with the State and FEMA to survey the damage in Calhoun County from the recent storm. He reminded the Board that the unwritten threshold for an Individual Assistance (IA) Presidential Disaster Declaration was 100 uninsured homes with major damage. He further stated, that if Gulf County could meet the above requirements and qualify for a Presidential Declaration, we could be added as a contiguous county under IA without meeting the minimum threshold. He noted further that for a Presidential Disaster Declaration under Public Assistance (PA) that the State had to meet a threshold of approximately 17 million dollars of \$1.14 per Capital (based on 2000 Census) Infrastructure damage. For an example, if the State meets the minimum required then the County would only be required to meet \$2.84 per Capital (based on 2000 Census) or approximately \$38,000. However, the State must receive a Presidential Disaster Declaration under PA before the County can be declared under PA.

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MIKE WILLIS, DRAINAGE

Mr. Willis discussed with the Board the drainage problem on his property. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to obtain a title search from Chipola Road to the end of the Willis property.

Mr. Willis stated that the Board needed a Comprehensive Drainage Program in Calhoun County. He asked the Board not to allow any more water to flow on his property and to put back the natural flow of water.

JERRY PITTS, KINARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pitts stated that the Kinard Fire Department had acquired a Grant for \$50,000.00 for the Fire Department and asked the Board to pay the 10 % match. Commissioner Hunt stated that the Board agreed in a previous meeting to match the Fire Department Grants. Clerk Attaway stated that the Board would be holding a budget review soon, and they could determine at the time where the money would come from to match the grant.

Mr. Pitts stated that Shelton Trucking had a 1991 Mac Truck for \$4,000 and asked if the Board would purchase this truck for the Kinard Fire Department. The total amount that Mr. Pitts has asked the Board to fund is the 10% match and the Mac Truck.

The Board tabled this request until after the Budget review.

The minutes of March 15, 2005 were approved as amended.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua stated that depositions would be taken soon on Jehue Landing.

Attorney Fuqua stated that it was time to renegotiate the Union Contract.

Attorney Fuqua stated that a voluntary dismissal was prepared for the Moore's to sign on the Lee Hill Road.

Commissioner Hunt asked Attorney Fuqua why Chairman Grant abstained from voting on the Jehue Landing Road, but he voted on the Buddy Clemmons Road who is owned by the same person. Attorney Fuqua stated that after the Buddy Clemmons Road was closed an ethics complaint was filed which was determined to be unfounded and when the next issue came up he abstained in abundance of caution.

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CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Civility Month. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to adopt said Proclamation.

Clerk Attaway stated that Tyler Prowant, with the Boy Scouts of America is working on his Eagle Scout project and has asked the Board to donate any amount for Smoke Alarms for Carr School. The Board members did individually donate to the Boy Scouts of America.

Clerk Attaway stated that Doris Taylor with Keep Calhoun County Beautiful requested that the Board be the co- grantee with Keep Calhoun County Beautiful for a Department of Transportation (DOT) Grant. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried for the Board to serve as a co-grantee with Keep Calhoun County Beautiful.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board the Chamber Budget stating that the Board had expended only six months each of \$1,000 to the Chamber of Commerce and they are asking for the remaining six months to finish out their budget year. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to give the remaining \$6,000 to the Chamber.

Clerk Attaway stated that Adam Terry, with the Sheriff's Department requested the use of the Courthouse Parking lot for a Car Show on September 24, 2005. The proceeds will go to Christmas for Kids in Calhoun County. The Board agreed by consensus to allow the Sheriff's Department to use the parking lot.

DAN WYRICK WITH NETTLERIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Wyrick asked the Board for the use of Sam Adkins Park on July 2, 2005 for a fundraiser for the Nettle Ridge and West Side Fire Departments. The Board agreed by consensus for them to use the park for the fund raiser as long as it is open to the public.

COMMISSIONER PICKRON

Commissioner Pickron discussed with the Board the possibility of picking up white goods throughout the County. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed for Commissioner Pickron to contact Waste Management and try to negotiate a day or two a year that they will pick up the white goods in the County.

COMMISSIONER WISE

Commissioner Wise discussed with the Board a drainage ditch in his district. After discussion the Board stated that he needed to lower the pipe so the water could pass through freely.

Commissioner Wise made a motion to approve a boundary by agreement on the Lee Hill Road. Motion dies from lack of a second.

COMMISSIONER HUNT

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board the storm water runoff problems during the March 26, 2005 storm at Parthenon Health Care Facility. This caused severe flooding to the facility during this storm. Commissioner Hunt stated he would like for the Board to research the problem. Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that they adopt a Storm Water Policy by Ordinance. The Board tabled this recommendation until Attorney Fuqua could research and report back to the Board.

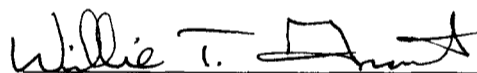
Commissioner Hunt discussed with the Board and Sheriff Tatum about adopting a noise ordinance. Sheriff Tatum stated that there are many exemptions to a noise ordinance and hopes that the Board does more research before passing the ordinance.

The minutes of March 15, 2005 are approved as amended.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board charging a fee to install a pipe and midar the ends when a pipe is installed in the County. The citizen will have to obtain a permit from the Building Inspector for \$400.00 to have the pipe installed and mitered. The Board stated that the length of the pipe would be determined by the Road Superintendent. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to charge a fee of \$400.00 for the permit to obtain a pipe and have it mitered. There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


TRUMAN GRANT, CHAIRMAN

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