

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2007**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN  
JERAL HALL, SR., VICE-CHAIRMAN  
DANNY RAY WISE  
DANY WYRICK  
JIM PICKRON**

**KIPPER MALLORY, DEPUTY  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mallory. Commissioner Wyrick led in prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**BIDS**

The Board received sealed bids for two (2) 95 HP minimum 4 Wheel Drive Tractors as follows:

**J.D. SWEARINGEN                    \$44,733.00 each for a total of \$89,466.00**

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to accept low bid from J.D. Swearingen and after discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to accept the only bid from J.D. Swearingen for \$89,466.00.

The Board received sealed bids for the Cooper Recreational Park-Recreation Field Lighting as follows:

**Jerry Pybus                            \$105,000.00  
Kenny Strange Electric            \$136,000.00**

After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board and a motion was made to accept low bid from Jerry Pybus contingent upon negotiations.

**TIM JENKS**

Mr. Jenks stated that his department is working at Shelton Park, 4-mile Creek Park, Atkins Park and Kinard Park.

Commissioner Wise discussed with Mr. Jenks the ball fields at Sam Atkins Park. He stated and the Board agreed that the Maintenance Department should continue to be the caretakers of the fields.

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

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board an Addendum # 1 on Ocheesee Recreational Park Improvements. This revision will change the bid date and time from May 1, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. C.T. to May 15, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. C.T.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #3 for County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Abe Springs/Bullhead Bay Road Project to C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for a decrease of (\$286,186.54). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve Contract Change Order #3.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution a contract FOR Engineering and Design between Calhoun County Emergency Management and Florida Division of Emergency Management for FEMA DR-1595 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 404 (HMPG) SW Chipola Street Drainage Project. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve said contract for \$67,812.00.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution an agreement between Calhoun County and Northwest Florida Water Management District for Florida Forever Grant John Redd Road Stabilization Project for \$793,109.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve and execute said agreement.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with Jerry Lewis/ Florida Public Utilities replacing floodlights at Neal Boat Landing. Mr. Lewis stated that after the initial installation the replacement cost would be \$230.00 per fixture and the monthly recurring charge will be \$19.33 per light. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the installation of 3 lights at 19.33 per month per light.

Ms. Martha Peterson appeared before the Board of Commissioners requesting a waiver of the 2' above base Flood Elevation (BFE) requirement per Flood Ordinance 94-01. This Ordinance requires that any structure in the 100 year flood plain must have a finished floor no less than 2' above BFE preventing a structure from being flooded in a 100 year flood event. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires a minimum of 1' above BFE; however, Calhoun County requires through Ordinance 94-01 a minimum of 2'. The Board of Commissioners has authority to approve a variance of 1' but cannot grant a waiver of 2' because 1' is a requirement of NFIP. The Board in the past has denied all variances on flood elevations and it was recommended by Mr. O'Bryan to deny this request. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus not to approve the request for a waiver.

**JUDY LUDLOW, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Ms. Ludlow introduced herself to the Board as the new County Agent for Calhoun County. They discussed her goals for the upcoming year. She stated she would be meeting with farmers and other citizens of the County for their input and needs.

**TAMMY RUSHING, VETERANS OFFICER**

Ms. Rushing presented to the Board a summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of activities in the Veterans Service Office. She stated that she will be attending the annual recertification conference May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**CLERK ATTAWAY**

Clerk Attaway asked the Board to appoint a Commissioner to serve on the Court Accessibility Team to represent Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. After discussion, the Board agreed unanimously to appoint Commissioner Wyrick to this position.

Clerk Attaway stated that bids will be accepted on demolition for the new jail structures on site.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board ad valorem property tax issues.

**COMMISSIONER WISE**

Commissioner Wise discussed with the Board issues at Sam Atkins Park. Commissioner Wise stated that due to the various requests for use of park property over the past several months (the RV Park, the Animal Shelter, and the Nextel Phone Tower) and due to the fact that he and other Board members are committed to protecting the public parks in our County from being used in unintended ways and because we would like to resolve issues concerning use of park properties without going through needless controversy over and over again, he made the following motion to become a County policy. Public Parks in Calhoun County are to be used for the following activities:

1. Athletic activities (including but not limited to softball, basketball, walking, biking, etc.)
2. Equestrian activities.
3. Events sponsored by the Pioneer Settlement at Sam Atkins Park.
4. Club Events including but not limited to 4-H, Scouts, Rotary Club, etc.
5. Community activities including but not limited to Goat Day, Fourth of July Celebration, etc.
6. Events held by County Agencies.

No other use of public parks by any group or organization shall be permitted unless it is temporary in nature (less than 3 days), does not conflict with existing and/or ongoing activities in County parks, and is approved by the Board of County Commissioner at least 10 days prior to the activity. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve the above activities.

Commissioner Wise asked where the proceeds go from operating concession stands at the Sam Adkins Park.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn:

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN