

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN
JERAL HALL, SR., VICE-CHAIRMAN
JIM PICKRON, ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS
DANNY RAY WISE
DAN WYRICK, ABSENT**

**SCOTTY NORRIS, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK**

SHIP BIDS

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Norris. Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Grant.

Attorney Fuqua read the Ship advertisement and the bids were opened as follows:

	JOE WEBB	CASTLEBERRY	KEY RENTAL	WALLACE & SON	COUNTY
L. M. NEALEY	\$18,020.00	\$19,980.00	\$8,731.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,550.00
R. BRIGHAM	\$26,400.00	\$23,160.00	\$15,510.00	\$16,900.00	\$15,400.00
D. HOLMES	\$28,900.00	\$30,445.00	\$38,023.00	\$29,990.00	\$28,500.00
D. ROBINSON	\$28,800.00	\$23,090.00	\$17,534.00	\$15,890.00	\$16,684.00
H. WATTS	\$28,850.00	\$30,655.00	\$30,583.00	\$26,900.00	\$28,514.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to accept low bid, per house, per contractor.

TERRY STONE, PROPERTY APPRAISER/ORDINANCE

Mr. Terry Stone addressed the Board in reference to adopting an ordinance adding an additional \$50,000 homestead exemption for qualified senior citizens. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried

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for Attorney Fuqua to prepare the necessary paperwork of advertising the above mentioned Ordinance.

DON A. O'BRYAN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/GRANTS

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order # 1 for The Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) C. R. 275 North Resurfacing Project to C. W. Roberts, Inc. for a decrease of (\$29,579.84). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to approve and execute Contract Change Order #1.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board for approval and execution Contract Change Order #2 for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Ocheessee Recreational Park Improvements to Bailey and Son's Construction for an increase of \$1,280.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wise and carried to approve and execute Contract Change Order #2.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on the FRDAP Ocheessee Park Improvement Project.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board problems with boat ramps in the County. He stated that the river is extremely low. We are experiencing problems at Oak Grove Boat Ramp on Cypress Creek; consequently, we need to add oversize rock at the end of the boat ramp as a temporary repair. After discussion, it was consensus of the Board for Mr. O'Bryan to temporarily repair Oak Grove Boat Landing.

RICK MARCUM/ROGER MILLER/OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA

Mr. Rick Marcum updated the Board on activities with Opportunity Florida. He stated there was money to be received for 1st time home buyers with a very low interest rate.

Mr. Marcum discussed with the Board its towers in the County. He asked the Board to consider passing an ordinance that if a tower is placed in the County, the County requires the tower owners to reserve a space for public use.

Mr. Roger Miller with Florida's Great Northwest presented to the Board a brochure showing that Florida's Great Northwest is a regional economic development organization serving sixteen counties in Northwest Florida from Pensacola through Tallahassee.

JUDY LUDLOW/COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE

Ms. Ludlow presented to the Board for information the 2008 Calendar and Annual Report. She stated that the 4-H position will be filled soon. She stated that Calhoun County was represented at the North Florida Fair.

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RON GILLARD/ADMINISTRATOR, CALHOUN-LIBERTY HOSPITAL

Mr. Gillard updated the Board on the activities at the Hospital. He stated that the hospital has many different improvements to the infrastructure and to the services offered at the hospital. There is a new group of doctors under contract with the hospital to handle the emergency room, and two of the local physicians are back on staff. These changes are expected to increase the number of patients admitted which will mean an improvement to the bottom line. The hospital is now offering MRI and mammogram services. The Health Departments of both Calhoun and Liberty Counties are working with the hospital. The hospital has replaced all the old carpet with tile and is in the process of having the nurse's station and lobby upgraded through the "adopt a room" program. He stated that good things are happening now that the hospital is being run locally.

MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY

Attorney Fuqua stated that the sales tax for schools did not require an ordinance. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to authorize election for a ½ cent sales tax.

The Board agreed for Attorney Fuqua to advertise for an Open Container Ordinance and a Comp Plan Fee Schedule Ordinance.

CLERK ATTAWAY

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2007-20 for continued coordination of Medicaid non-emergency transportation through Florida's coordinated transportation system. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve and execute said Resolution 2007-20.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board the possibility of using a portion of Ship funds for qualified citizens for closing cost and/or down payments on homes in the County. She stated that if the money designated is not used for these purposes it can be rolled back into the Ship fund for Rehab. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to amend the Ship contract to allow \$50,000 of Ship funds to be designated for closing cost and for down payments. The Board agreed for \$10,000.00 to come from each district. This would allow \$7,500 for citizens with very low income, \$5,000 for low income and \$2,500 for moderate income.

Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board advertising for a part-time clerical position in the Weatherization Department. The Board agreed to advertise for the part-time position.

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Clerk Attaway discussed with the Board the Drug Card for the general public. She stated there is no expense to the County. The Board agreed for Clerk Attaway to pursue the Drug Card.

Clerk Attaway informed the Board of a Gala Event on Monday, November 19, 2007 to celebrate Calhoun Liberty's history to evaluate where Calhoun Liberty Hospital stands today to help create a Calhoun Liberty Hospital for tomorrow. This event will be hosted by State Representative Marti Coley, a W.T. Neal Civic Center at 17773 NE Pear Street, Blountstown, Florida 32424, at 6:00 p.m. (CST).

The October 16, 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

COMMISSIONER WISE

Commissioner Wise discussed with the Board the possibility of a 1 cent sales tax to improve emergency services and the hospital. Attorney Fuqua that if the School Board gets their requested ½ cents sales tax the board can not apply.

DOWLING PARRISH, CULVERTS

Mr. Parrish stated that several culverts have been put in without getting a permit. After discussion, the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to write a letter requesting they obtain a permit from the County.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN

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