

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 2008**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

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

**EMMANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
DON A. O'BRYAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK  
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

A Public Hearing was held at 4:00.p.m. for a Comp Plan review. The Public Hearing was continued until the September 16, 2008 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING-CDBG APPLICATION**

During the Public Hearing, Deborah Belcher, County Consultant informed the Board and the audience that the County is eligible to apply for a \$700,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds are provided to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) from the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG grants for small cities and rural counties. Applications for CDBG grants must be completed and transmitted to FDCA by September 29, 2008. These funds must benefit low to moderate income (LMI's) residents. There are three categories that the County can apply for:

- 1) Neighborhood Revitalization
- 2) Housing Rehabilitation
- 3) Economic Development

She emphasized that these funds must benefit low to moderate income residents. It was pointed out that the County could apply for either the Neighborhood Revitalization category or the Housing Rehabilitation category but not both. However, the County can apply for one of the above categories and for the Economic Development category.

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There were no comments from the public.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board they appoint the Local Mitigation Steering Committee as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Task Force. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to accept Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board an advertisement to receive proposals for Grant Administration/Applications and Engineering Services. The proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 25, 2008, at the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office, Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, Florida 32424.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a Ranking Committee. The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners will consider the Ranking Committee's recommendation at the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. (CDT), or as soon thereafter as possible.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for Engineering Services for Calhoun County's EWP Project for \$130,000.00. It was pointed out that Preble-Rish, Inc. had agreed to provide Engineering Services to the County for the Small County Road Assistance Grants (SCRAP) Eleventh Street and Mt. Olive Cemetery Road Projects and the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) Laramore Road Project for no charge. This will be a savings of approximately \$130,000.00. After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board and a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve the proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for \$130,000.00.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that he and Clerk Attaway met with Warden Varnum, with Calhoun Corrections to discuss the County Work Squads. He stated that all work squads will report to the Road Department each morning. They will be directed to assignments for that day by County Staff. Mr. O'Bryan will coordinate work squad assignments with the Maintenance and Road Department.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on Tropical Storm Fay.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that he had received several complaints about junk cars on Sawmill Road. He presented to the Board pictures of these junk cars. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried for Attorney Fuqua to write a letter to the owner of the cars requesting that he move them immediately or legal action will be taken.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board pictures of the County Road 10 project. He stated that the project is complete.

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## FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

Ms. Belcher provided to the Board and audience a handout. She stated the protected categories (race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability) and that discrimination based on these are illegal under federal, state and county law. She discussed housing construction for disabled accessibility. Ms. Belcher provided other information, such as the discrimination complaint process.

## MAXIE WALDORFF, IDA BOARD

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution the Joint Participation Agreement between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct a Paved Runway for \$300,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve and execute said Joint Participation Agreement.

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution the Joint Participation Agreement between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioner and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a Salamander Study for \$45,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve and execute said Joint Participation Agreement.

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution the Joint Participation Agreement between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct a Conventional Hanger for \$400,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve and execute said Joint Participation Agreement.

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution the Joint Participation Agreement (Supplemental) between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioner and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct a T-Hangar for \$350,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve and execute said Joint Participation Agreement.

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution the Joint Participation Agreement between Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct T-Hangars at the Calhoun County Airport (Supplemental). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to approve and execute said Joint Participation Agreement (Supplemental).

Mr. Waldorff presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2008-8.  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING WILLIE T. GRANT, COMMISSIONER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.**

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve and execute Resolution 2008-8.

Mr. Waldorff stated that the paving project is being held up by the wetland permit from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

#### **MARY ANN WESSELHOEFT-ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO BUILDING**

Ms. Wesselhoeft discussed with the Board problems with obtaining a permit from the Building Department to connect electricity to her building on Hwy 69 N. After discussion, the Board advised Ms. Wesselhoeft that they have no objection to the provision of permanent electrical service to her building on Hwy 69 N by the electrical company. However, the Board determined that in this instance it does not have jurisdiction over the issuance of a building permit on the subject building.

#### **COMMISSIONER WYRICK**

Chairman Grant asked the Board for nominations for a Calhoun County citizen to be appointed to the Value Adjustment Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to appoint Wayne Sutton to the Value Adjustment Board.

#### **CLERK ATTAWAY**

Phillip Hill, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital Consultant updated the Board on the Ambulance Service for Calhoun County. He stated that in the last six months there had been 1,000 calls, they have obtained a Medicare number and are waiting for a Medicaid number. The new ambulance will be in service by the first week in September. He stated they are working to extend the ambulance service to substations throughout Calhoun County.

Commissioner Wise asked Mr. Hill to provided to the Board a financial statement. Mr. Hill stated he would provide one at the next Board Meeting.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board a letter from Apalachee Regional Planning Council requesting permission to erect six (6) reserved parking signs at their office in the old Courthouse. After discussion, the board agreed to allow this action to be taken.

Clerk Attaway reminded the Board of the grand-opening of the new Alco Store, Thursday, August 24, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.

Clerk Attaway asked the Board to appoint a Ranking Committee for the Grant Services and Engineering Services. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Wyrick and carried to appoint the following to the Ranking Committee for Grant Services and Engineering Services.

1. Don A. O'Bryan
2. Ruth W. Attaway
3. Angie Smith
4. Kim Tanner
5. Kathy Stewart
6. Willie T. Grant

Clerk Attaway stated that Preble-Rish, Inc. will hold a fund raiser for Calhoun-Liberty Hospital on August 26, 2008 on the corner of Hwy 20 and Hwy 71.

#### **COMMISSIONER WISE**

Commissioner Wise stated that the City of Blountstown is willing to work with the County in reference to animal control. He stated that a part-time person should be hired for the job. He stated that a straw ballot was taken in 2000 for an animal control-lease law. The estimated start up budget exceeded realistic costs.

#### **COMMISSIONER WYRICK**

Commissioner Wyrick asked the Board to write a letter to all non profit organizations stating that the Board would not be responsible for any matching funds due to budget cuts unless approved by the Board before applying for the grant. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to approve this request.

#### **TONY ARRANT, CONSULTANT**

Mr. Arrant stated that he and Attorney Fuqua discussed with the Wesselhoeft's the possibility that they proceed with the development order process. The Board has agreed to allow them to use the premises while they go through the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried for Attorney Fuqua to write a letter to West Florida Electric advising them that the County does not have an objection to the provision of permanent electrical service to the building owned by the Wesselhoeft's.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyrick, seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried to issue a temporary permit until the Wesselhoeft's go through the process to obtain a permanent permit.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
WILLIE T. GRANT, CHAIRMAN

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