

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MAY 4, 2010**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**EDWARD D. WYRICK, CHAIRMAN
DON MILLER, VICE-CHAIRMAN
WILLIE T. GRANT
HAROLD PICKRON
DANNY RAY WISE, ABSENT**

**EMMANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
JOE WOOD, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK**

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

JOE WOOD, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Wood presented to the Board recommendations from the ranking committee for the 2009-2010 (CDBG) Emergency/Disaster (FEMA)/CDBG/Other County Grants Application Services, Administrative Services, Engineering Services and 2008 CDBG Administrative Services for approval.

The ranking committee recommended to the Board to award Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 2009-2010 CDBG Application and Administrative Services. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to award Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 2009-2010 CDBG Applications and Administrative Services.

The ranking committee recommended to the Board to award Preble-Rish, Inc. the 2009-2010 CDBG Emergency/Disaster (FEMA)/CDBG/Other County Grants Engineering Services. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to award Preble-Rish, Inc. the 2009-2010 CDBG Emergency-Disaster (FEMA)/CDBG/ Other County Grants Engineering Services.

The ranking committee recommended to the Board to award Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 2009-2010 CDBG Application and Administrative Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and

carried to award to Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 2009-2010 CDBG application and Administrative Services.

The ranking committee recommended to the Board to award Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 20087 CDBG Administrative Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to award to Roumelis Planning & Development Services the 2009 CDBG Administrative Services.

Mr. Wood stated that the Board will receive sealed bids for the 2010 Calhoun County Spring Storm Emergency Watershed Project (EWP) on the following County Roads:

1. County Road 1
2. B.H. Stone Road
3. Pike Price Road

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. (CT), on May 18, 2010, at the Calhoun County Clerk's Office, Calhoun County Courthouse, 20859 Central Avenue East, Room 130, Blountstown, Florida 32424, and will be opened and read aloud on May 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (CT).

Mr. Wood presented to the Board for approval and execution a Resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency for Calhoun County due to the severe weather conditions. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve and execute said Resolution.

Mr. Wood stated the bids for the roof at the Mossy Pond Library/Community Center were reviewed by Preble-Rish, Inc. and low bid was from Peach State Roofing for \$37,302.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to accept low bid from Peach State Roofing for \$37,302.00.

Mr. Wood asked the Commissioners to assess the road damage in their district. He stated that some of the roads would have to be closed to heavy traffic until they are repaired.

JOHN W. ARD, REPRESENTING NATURCHEM

Mr. Ard presented to the Board a brochure on Vegetation Management. He said that NaturChem can design a vegetation control program to eliminate mowing and side trimming along roadsides. This process consists of 3 applications per year in order to reduce the mowing to 1 time per year.

DAVID TATUM, SHERIFF

Sheriff Tatum discussed with the Board the Public Safety Communications Tower at SR 275 & SR 20. He stated the tower serves many agencies in the County. The 30 years old tower will not serve the new federal regulations. He stated he contacted Channel 11-

WFSU and they said that the County could piggyback off their tower. The cost will be \$10,000.00 per year with a 2% increase each year for 20 years. Sheriff Tatum stated he felt the money for this expense could come from the \$15.00 collected per traffic ticket for Law Enforcement Communications. Sheriff Tatum said that Attorney Fuqua has reviewed and approved the contract. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried for the Board to enter into a contract with Channel 11- WFSU.

Commissioner Pickron asked Sheriff Tatum what would happen to the old tower and he recommends that the County purchase the 1.5 acres and market to private industry.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Attorney Fuqua stated that the Barfield law suite has been settled if approved by the Board for \$4,000.00 and 4 loads of fill dirt. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by commissioner Pickron and carried to approve the above settlement agreement.

Attorney Fuqua stated the Leahey law suite has been settled if approved by the Board for \$14,300.00, fee interest, install 2 culverts, 2 turn outs on Hamilton Springs Road, and pay his Attorney fees and expert witness fees. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve the above settlement agreement.

CLERK ATTAWAY

The April 20, 2010 minutes were approved as presented.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval the Final Report for Calhoun County FY 2008-2009 Special Project, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Grant Agreement for the Florida Green Carbon-Offset. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried for the Board to accept the Final Report from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2010 Mental Health Month. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve and execution said Proclamation.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution the Safety and Drug Policy for Calhoun County. She said that in order to receive the discount from our insurance agency there has to be a Drug and Safety Policy in effect. She asked that the Board accept a safety committee consisting of the following representatives: Patricia Wilson, County Road Department, Roman Wood, Sheriff's Department, Kim Tanner, Constitutional Offices, Rita Maupin, Library and Tammy Rushing, Volunteer Fire

Departments. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to adopt the Safety and Drug Policy and the safety committee.

Clerk Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution a Resolution to observe August 16-20, 2010 as Florida Water Professional Week. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried to approve and execute said resolution.

COMMISSIONER MILLER

Commissioner Miller asked that Break-away Drag Strip be on the next Planning Commission Agenda. Attorney Fuqua stated they have been notified by certified letter to be at the meeting.

CHARLES COLLINS, EMERALD WASTE SERVICES

Mr. Collins updated the Board on EWS garbage pickup. He stated they have fired a truck driver and one out due to illness. They have ordered three new trucks to handle the garbage service pickup. He stated he realizes that the garbage pickup is two or three days behind, but hopes to have the service running smooth soon.

COMMISSIONER GRANT

Commissioner Grant discussed with the Board the \$1.00 raise all County employees received October 20, 2009. He stated he felt that any County employee hired from October 20, 2009 through December 31, 2009 should receive the \$1.00 raise. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried to approve Commissioner Grant's request and receive the \$1.00 starting May 4, 2010. This money should not be received until the 6 month probation is complete and this request does not raise the entry level positions.

COMMISSIONER PICKRON

Commissioner Pickron discussed with the Board the damage to the handball court at Sam Adkins Park. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried for the County to demolish the Handball Court.

MIKE WILLIS

Mr. Willis informed the Board that Commission time should be placed on the Board agenda. He said that the County Administrator should have a base line salary and a percentage of money brought into the County. He said that Mr. Wood should be acting County Administrator in Mr. O'Bryan's absence.

Mr. Willis discussed with the Board Chipola Road. He stated that this rain has flood his property and water was going in his house. He said that the crown is pointed to his property and should be pointed the opposite way. Commissioner Pickron stated that the designed was done according to Department of Transportation (DOT) specifications.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK


EDWARD D. WYRICK, CHAIRMAN