

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 15, 2013

PRESENT:

THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN  
LEE LEE BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
DARRELL MCDUGALD  
LEE SHELTON

MANUEL HIRES, DEPUTY  
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK  
NONA BORELLI, DEPUTY CLERK

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 4:00 p.m. CT. Commissioner Flowers stated the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the issues of the Tri-County AG Pavilion.

Ken Sheppard with the Tri-County Advisory Council, Inc. discussed the needs of the complex with an overview of future events and requested he and Joe Wood, Calhoun County Public Works Director, have a meeting with the Gulf County Administrator.

Mr. Sheppard stated the need for 100 loads of sandy clay mixture to build the base for the arena. He is requesting the loads of sandy/clay, including hauling and spreading in the arena, will be provided by Calhoun, Liberty, and Gulf Counties.

There was a general discussion regarding soil types, Watson Pit, available funding of the Tri-County Advisory Council, electrical service, storm-water permitting and future requests to Calhoun County between Commissioners, Ken Sheppard, of the Tri-County Ag Advisory Council Inc. and Donald Stanley of Preble-Rish.

After inquiry from Commissioner McDougald, Mr. Sheppard reported the Tri-County Advisory Council has approximately \$298,000. Mr. Shepard also stated electricity is not necessary to hold day-time events in the arena.

Chairman Flowers suggested Calhoun County provide the dirt and loader, while Liberty and Gulf Counties provide the hauling and spreading of the sandy clay.

The Commissioners indicated their willingness to help provide the dirt as long as it is available in Watson pit.

Joe Wood is going to check Watson pit and verify there is enough sand available for the project.

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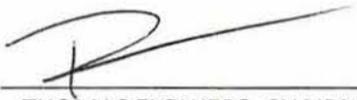
Questions from citizens, Tommy Williams and Gene Bailey were answered by Donald Stanley, Preble-Rish, regarding storm-water permitting and the holding pond. (Waiting on the storm-water permit; expansion for the holding pond is in the plans for Ag Center).

Liberty County Commissioner Davis Stoutamire, responding to Commissioner McDougald's request, feels confident that Liberty County will help, but can't commit at this time.

There being no further business, the Workshop was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. C.T.

ATTEST:

  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

  
THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

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