

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Special Meeting  
July 22, 2013

PRESENT:

THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN  
DARRELL MCDUGALD  
LEE SHELTON

MANUEL HIRES, BALIFF  
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK  
CARLA PEACOCK, DEPUTY CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Flowers.

Prayer and Pledge was let by Commissioner McDougald.

**CALHOUN COUNTY AIRPORT BIDS ON NORTH APRON EXTENSION PHASE 2**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to reject all unopened sealed bids and delete item #3 under the General Information section of the bid specifications and to replace verbatim with General Practices 100-3; re-advertise the amended bid specifications in the July 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the local newspaper and accept bids 21 days from tomorrow. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDougald and passed unanimously 3-0.

Let the record reflect all bids will be returned to all bidders sealed and unopened.

**BUDGET**

Clerk Hand advised the Board of the proposed millage rate of 10 mills that was used to prepare the proposed budget, also stating this is 2.98% below current year roll back rate; the rolled back rate is calculated to generate the same ad valorem taxes as the prior year. Clerk Hand stated property values have declined some based on information received from the Property Appraiser.

The current year budget as proposed is \$14,426,369. Cash balance brought forward is \$1,719,318. Clerk Hand stated if the proposed budget is adopted she anticipates the County will spend a little over 1 million of this reserve, leaving approximately \$665,000 in reserve at the end of the 2013-14 budget. Clerk Hand also mentioned the ongoing FEMA closeouts and the possibility of additional disallowed expenditures. Clerk Hand stated the County had approximately 3,000,000 at the beginning of the current fiscal year, but she approximates there will be \$1.7 million remaining to carry into the 2013-14 budget after all the FEMA closeouts.

Clerk Hand mentioned there is \$500,000 for the Courthouse Air Conditioner and \$200,000 for Road Department equipment in the 2013-14 proposed budget. Clerk Hand mentioned the Road Department equipment that the Board is considering selling and stated if this equipment is sold Ad Valorem taxes

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would not have to be used to purchase the new equipment. Clerk Hand stated the County needs to maintain enough in reserve to pay bills for approximately two months prior to the time we start receiving ad valorem taxes.

Clerk Hand mentioned the retirement rate for Elected Officials is up to 33%. She stated for one elected official it went from \$16,000 to \$33,000 and this is a monumental increase. She stated the retirement increases amount to approximately \$150,000 County wide. She stated this is something the County is required to pay.

She mentioned the current budget has a 3% raise for County employees and some of the Fire Departments have requested more funds than in the previous year.

Clerk Hand advised the Board they must set a tentative budget hearing date for the TRIM Notice as follows:

- Must be from September 3 to September 15
  - Dates available are
    - September 4, 2013 – Wednesday 5:01 pm
    - September 5, 2013 – Thursday 5:01 pm
    - September 6, 2013 – Friday 5:01 pm
    - September 9, 2013 – Monday 5:01 pm
    - September 11, 2013 – Wednesday 5:01 pm
    - September 12, 2013 – Thursday 5:01 pm
    - September 13, 2013 – Friday 5:01 pm
- Must be on Monday through Friday after 5:00 pm or any time on Saturday; can't be on Sunday. (Scheduled for 5:01 pm)
- Can't be held the same day as the School District (Tuesday September 10, 2013)

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to set the tentative budget hearing date for Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 5:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDougald and passed unanimously 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to adopt the proposed County millage rate of 10 mills for the TRIM Notice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDougald and passed unanimously 3-0.

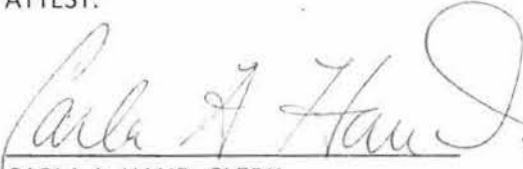
Chairman Flowers suggested not taking any action on the budget at this time to allow more discussion with all departments and Constitutional Officers. The Chairman asked each of the Constitutional Officers and Department Heads in attendance to review their budgets.

No action was taken on the budget at this time.

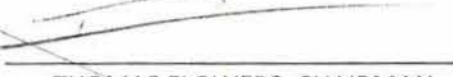
#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McDougald to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. The motion passed 3-0 to adjourn this meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK



THOMAS FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

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