

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
APRIL 28, 2015**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
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The workshop was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:00 p.m., CT.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Marina Pennington advised the Board the Technical Assistance Grant through the Department of Economic Opportunity assisted the County with three (3) items: Development of a New Economic Development Element, GIS maps and a general revision to the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Pennington stated the Economic Development Program works with numerous organizations within Calhoun County to identify the County's assets. Ms. Pennington provided a handout which the Economic Development committee drafted which contains eight (8) objectives that focus on four (4) main strategies of Economic Development. Those four strategies are Business Retention and Expansion, Entrepreneurship - Small Business Development, Tourism and Business Attraction. Ms. Pennington stated 16 maps were added to Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan. The Technical Assistance Grant assisted in creating a GIS map which is a useful tool for the County. Ms. Pennington stated the Technical Assistance Grant assisted in cleaning up the Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan by inserting a table of contents, eliminating duplicate entries and moving policies to one site within the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Pennington asked for the draft revised Comprehensive Plan and map information to be placed on the website. The Clerk stated she would have these items placed on the Clerk's website at www.calhounclerk.com.


Ms. Pennington recommended the Board apply for the next round of grants to continue to improve the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Pennington asked for further comments/recommendations. Mr. Richard Williams, Opportunity Florida, suggested the July 2015 date within the Economic Development element be extended to a later date. Ms. Pennington stated a Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

The Workshop was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

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Thomas G. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:


Carla A. Hand, Clerk

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