

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP – TRANE MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2015**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
MARION "LEE LEE" BROWN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DENNIS JONES
DARRELL MCDUGALD
WOODROW "LEE" SHELTON**

**EMORY GODWIN, DEPUTY SHERIFF
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
BECKY BROWN, DEPUTY CLERK**

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:00 p.m., CT.

NEAL TURNER – TRANE

Mr. Turner advised the Board he is the Comprehensive Solutions Account Executive for TRANE and handles the comprehensive energy projects. Mr. Turner gave a presentation describing the process of comprehensive energy projects noting the cost of improvements are paid for from a combination of energy savings from the existing utility budget, loan proceeds, and an additional monthly outlay for 15-20 years. Mr. Turner stated TRANE does not provide financing but they could facilitate this process and gave the Board several options for obtaining financing. He mentioned the current rate for financing this type of project is approximately 3%.

Chairman Flowers asked Mr. Turner which buildings they have looked at to include in the project. Mr. Tim Jenks, Maintenance Supervisor, stated the following buildings are being considered: Courthouse, Extension Office, County Jail, Public Library, Kinard Library, Health Department and the old Health Department (PanCare location). Chairman Flowers asked how long construction would be from start to finish of the project. Mr. Turner stated construction of a project this size would take approximately 8-10 months. Mr. Wood asked when TRANE analyzes the cost of repairing the HVAC system for the Courthouse is the County committed to the project at that point. Mr. Turner stated once the County selects an Energy Services Company (ESCO), through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the County enters into an audit contract and there is a cost per square footage (\$.12/square foot) for the audit. If the County chooses not to continue with the project once the audit is completed, the County is only responsible for the cost for the audit.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the workshop at 5:49 pm.

ATTEST:



THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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