

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN
GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
DENNIS JONES
JERAL HALL**

**MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Chairman Wise called the meeting held in the Regular Meeting room to order at 6:10 P.M.; CT. Commissioner Jones led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Wise read aloud a letter of appreciation to all who helped in the community during Hurricane Irma.

The Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all who helped during the emergency of Hurricane Irma including, but not limited to, the Calhoun County Road Department, Calhoun County Library System, Calhoun County Emergency Management, Calhoun County Volunteer Fire Departments, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, City of Blountstown, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Blountstown Police Department, Calhoun County Senior Citizens Association, Calhoun County Emergency Medical Services, Red Cross, Calhoun County School Board, Calhoun County Health Department, Calhoun County Correctional Institution, Fairpoint Communications, all area electric companies, Florida Department of Transportation, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital, and other volunteers. Your willingness to serve or volunteer in our community is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. We are proud to live in a community where we all come together to help during situations such as these.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

A motion to approve the minutes and vouchers as published on the agenda (the August 22, 2017 Workshop Minutes, the August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, the August 28, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes, the September 5, 2017 1st Budget TRIM Hearing Minutes, the September 8, 2017 Emergency Meeting Minutes, and the September 9, 2017 Emergency Meeting Minutes; vouchers for warrants: accounts payable warrants – 1709-1G, 1709-MED, 1709-2UT, 1709-1RD, 1709-1L, 1709-1E, 1709-1S and payroll warrants - PR17-B24, PR17-B25, PR082417, PR090717) was made by Commissioner McDougald and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

ANGIE SMITH – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Ms. Smith informed the Board Mr. Adam Johnson and Ms. Bobbi Jo Chambers completed the required ICS300 class and the Special Needs Registry class in August.

Ms. Smith updated the Board on the four (4) HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) projects, Sam Duncan Road, Black Bottom Road, Bears Head Road, and Troy McCroan Road. Ms. Smith stated she reached out to the State about the status on these projects and was told that FEMA is under an immediate needs funding restriction due to the need to conserve disaster relief funds for response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey. Ms. Smith stated all HMGP projects would be on award hold as of August 28, 2017 until further notice. Ms. Smith stated she has recommended the County advertise the construction bid for Sam Duncan Road in the newspaper next week, as it will be the last large FEMA project left to complete, and once HMGP projects are awarded the HMGP portion of the road could be completed.

Ms. Smith thanked everyone for their efforts to keep Calhoun County citizens safe during Hurricane Irma. Ms. Smith reported the number of citizens who utilized the shelters that opened due to the storm. Ms. Smith stated Mossy Pond Community Center had one citizen at their shelter location, Altha School had nineteen (19) citizens at their shelter location, and Blountstown High School had ninety-two (92) citizens use their shelter location. Ms. Smith stated all agencies in the County pulled together and prepared for the worst, but were blessed with no more damage than we received.

Ms. Smith stated due to the road conditions and traffic in town, Emergency Management had to move back to a level two (2) status. Ms. Smith stated after speaking with Senator Nelson's office, FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation), and Liberty County officials, she found the issue is in Calhoun County with people detouring off I-10 because of gridlocked traffic, which caused a gridlock in Blountstown. Ms. Smith stated activating to a level two (2) allows the Sheriff's Office and Police Department to call in extra help to direct traffic. Ms. Smith stated she reached out to Superintendent of Schools Ralph Yoder and made him aware if these conditions continue tomorrow, there may be an issue with holding school because buses would not be able to travel. Ms. Smith stated they would continue to monitor road conditions.

RACHEL BRYANT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ms. Bryant presented the Annual Core Contract between the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Health. Ms. Bryant stated the Core Contract states the agreed upon County contribution of \$40,000.00.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the Core Contract. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Bryant stated the Health Department would be holding their annual Bras Across the Bridge event for the initiative they started several years ago where bras are strung together across the Trammel Bridge for breast cancer awareness. Ms. Bryant stated they would need to request a FDOT permit to hold the event from October 16 through October 31. Ms. Bryant stated they would also hold their Ta-Ta Trot event where everyone gathers at one end of the bridge and walks to the other side. Ms. Bryant stated the guest speaker this year would be News Channel 7 anchor Jessica Foster, and Barkman's Bees is this year's corporate sponsor. Ms. Bryant requested the Board's permission to request the FDOT permit for the event.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the request for a FDOT permit. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

JOHN MORGAN DAVIS – IDA BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Davis stated he has met with Mr. Gary Shuler about his property to the north of the airport, and they have come to an agreement. Mr. Davis stated the Board should have received a copy of the

agreement in their agenda packets and email. Mr. Davis stated the agreement would take care of the current situation with the flight path. Mr. Davis stated he has a plan for harvesting the trees over the next ten (10) years to try to recoup part of the County's money for the "agreement for the sale and purchase of all timber or trees and air rights on 12.5 acres". Commissioner Bailey inquired about the total cost of the agreement. Mr. Davis stated including the survey, attorney fees, and the removal of four (4) large trees in Mr. Shuler's yard, he estimates the total cost to be around \$56,000.00. Mr. Davis stated the IDA Board voted on and approved the agreement last night. Commissioner Bailey asked if there is funding available in the IDA Board account. Clerk Hand stated for the upcoming budget year in the reserve for contingencies there is a little under \$47,000.00. Mr. Davis stated he believes the IDA Board has more funds in the bank available to use currently. There was further discussion about funding. Mr. Davis stated there are also a couple other items of priority to the IDA Board. Mr. Davis stated he and Mr. Lynwood Seay are close to an agreement to purchase the eight (8) acres of land between the fence of the airport and State Road 71. Mr. Davis stated the parcel of land holds water when it rains, and has started to cut into the roadbed of SR 71. Mr. Davis stated FDOT charges \$18,000 to design a drainage system, and has agreed to let the IDA Board use their funding to design the drainage system if the IDA Board purchases the land. Mr. Davis stated the IDA Board is looking at around \$20,000 for the purchase of the property. Mr. Davis stated he also has a solution to the ordinance issue, but will cost about \$10,000. There was further discussion about payment for the items needed at the airport.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the agreement with Mr. Gary Shuler contingent upon Clerk Hand determining if there are available funds. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Davis stated the engineering firm Kimley-Horn Engineering has taken on a project with the state to audit any FDOT funds outstanding at airports around the state. Mr. Davis stated when the firm came to audit Calhoun County's airport, he mentioned the ordinance issue to them. Mr. Davis stated the firm has an in house lawyer who has drafted airport ordinances in the past and will draft one for the airport for \$9,500. Mr. Davis stated the IDA Board recommends contracting with Kimley-Horn Engineering, subject to the Board's approval.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve for Kimley-Horn Engineering to draft an ordinance for the airport. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

SANDRA CLARK – ADVOCATING FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN CALHOUN COUNTY

Ms. Clark stated she is a medical marijuana patient, and she is advocating for a dispensary location in Calhoun County. Ms. Clark stated the closest location currently is Tallahassee.

Ms. Pat Beck stated she lives in Clarksville, is 56 years old, and has had an eating disorder and two (2) bulging discs that cause issues with her legs and her ability to walk. Ms. Beck stated she became a medical marijuana user through compassionate use and after going to the expense of becoming registered with the state to receive medical marijuana she finds it is very expensive to afford. Ms. Beck stated despite the expense, she made the sacrifice to continue with medical marijuana because it allowed her to stop taking the opiates she became addicted to after her surgeries. Ms. Beck stated there are misconceptions about medical marijuana, and assured the Board the dispensaries are not like the shops people talk about in Colorado. Ms. Beck stated the medical marijuana comes in oil form and can be vaped or taken in pill form, and stated most of the people who use medical marijuana are her age or older. Ms. Beck asked the Board to please allow a medical marijuana dispensary in Calhoun County.

There was further discussion about medical marijuana.

Chairman Wise stated he would like to see the Board lift the moratorium on medical marijuana and allow a dispensary in Calhoun County. Chairman Wise stated it could be a while before a dispensary would locate here, and would depend on the demand for the product in this area. There was further discussion about the moratorium ordinance and medical marijuana.

KEITH MADDOX – EMS GRANT

Mr. Jake Shuler with Calhoun County EMS addressed the Board and stated Mr. Maddox was unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to sickness. Mr. Shuler expressed appreciation on behalf of EMS and Calhoun-Liberty Hospital to the Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Management, the County Road Department, volunteers and all others involved with assisting the County during Hurricane Irma.

Mr. Shuler stated EMS would like to formally request assistance from the Board for the funding of the match portion of the EMS grant for the ambulance remount and repair. Mr. Shuler stated the grant match amount is \$33,333.00, of which the hospital will contribute \$13,333.00. Mr. Shuler stated EMS is requesting the County contribute \$20,000.00 (or the funding needed as a temporary loan) and subsequently withhold monthly payments from the subsidy to the Hospital for a period of twelve (12) months for repayment to the County. Mr. Shuler stated EMS would also like the Board to authorize the purchase of the chassis quoted from the state bid list, and the Stryker stretcher need for the remount, depending on the recommendations from Ms. Chelsea Snowden.

Ms. Snowden stated there were two (2) quotes received for the Stryker stretcher. Ms. Snowden opened the quotes and read them aloud:

Stryker Stretcher Quotes	
Quad Med Inc.	\$9,089.00
Cot Warehouse	\$9,330.00

Ms. Snowden stated the apparent low bidder on the stretcher is Quad Med Inc.

Ms. Snowden stated Mr. Maddox received a quote from Alan Jay Fleet Sales, who is on the state bid list, for the ambulance chassis in the amount of \$35,184.00.

Ms. Snowden stated (sole bid received) Safety First Fire Equipment Inspection and Testing Services provided a sealed bid for removing the old Frazier box and refurbishing it, and remounting the Frazier box onto the new chassis for \$89,867.92.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the County providing \$20,000 (or the funding needed) to EMS contingent upon the hospital Board amending the contract with the County to state the withholding monthly payments from the ambulance subsidy to Calhoun Liberty Hospital for twelve (12) months. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Bailey asked if this ambulance would give the County three (3) running ambulances. Mr. Chuck Durant, CEO of Calhoun Liberty Hospital, stated this ambulance would give EMS a fourth ambulance, and with the age of the fleet, the fourth is needed. Mr. Shuler stated there are two (2) ambulances staffed 24 hours per day, and the third ambulance is staffed for 12 hours per day when EMS is able to provide staff to cover the third ambulance. Mr. Shuler stated that at times EMS is unable to staff a third truck because there is not one that is functional due to repairs, so the fourth ambulance will be a valuable asset to EMS.

SANDY KELLY – APPROVAL OF SHIP ANNUAL REPORT, PERMISSION FOR CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE

Ms. Kelly requested the Board grant the Chairman permission to execute an approval for the SHIP (State Housing Initiative Partnership) Annual Report.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to grant the Chairman permission to execute the approval of the SHIP Annual Report. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. Commissioner Bailey asked if this report is for the present year. Ms. Kelly stated this report is for what has been completed over the past year and accounts for where the money from the SHIP program has been spent. Commissioner Bailey asked when the County could expect the next grant funds from SHIP. Ms. Kelly stated she is not certain, but possibly by October. Commissioner Bailey requested Ms. Kelly call tomorrow and see if she can find out a date. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated as a requirement of the grant, the annual report availability will be advertised in next Wednesday's newspaper. The report will be available in the Clerk's Office.

NOTICE: SNOWVEMBER

Clerk Hand stated Snowvember is an event held by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office as a fun day for children where they can ice skate and do other activities. Clerk Hand stated the event would be held on November 4 and Crime Prevention funds collected through court fines fund the event.

TIM JENKS – MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Mr. Jenks updated the Board on the Maintenance Department's activities. Mr. Jenks stated all the parks fared well during the storm and they have been cleaning up some debris. Mr. Jenks stated a mechanical contractor is coming to the courthouse tomorrow to take some measurements on the air handlers and a lighting contractor would be meeting with him on Thursday to discuss getting started on the new lighting for the courthouse.

Chairman Wise asked if Mr. Jenks has been able to check out inmates lately. Mr. Jenks stated this has been better lately, and he had two (2) crews today helping him.

CLIFFORD EDENFIELD – ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Edenfield stated his department worked yesterday and today with storm cleanup and the Road Department has 500 sand bags available for the public.

Mr. Edenfield stated the Volunteer Fire Departments do a great job, and thanked them for helping yesterday in the bad weather removing debris from roadways.

Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Edenfield how many of his employees worked on Sunday. Mr. Edenfield stated he had four (4) employees working on Sunday and all but three (3) employees worked on Monday. Mr. Edenfield stated there were a few who were taking care of their families and without power.

RITA MAUPIN – DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Ms. Maupin stated the library had 7, 591 patron visits in August, 4,678 titles circulated, and 174 patrons were helped with Social Security or other on-line Federal or State assistance programs.

Ms. Maupin stated there was an incident at Mossy Pond Library on Saturday, August 9 at about 10:50 in the morning. Ms. Maupin stated there was a gentleman squatted down in the grass by the edge of the turn in area to the library and a person driving into the library could not see him and hit him, causing him to roll backwards into the grass and the car also ran over the gentleman's foot. Ms. Maupin stated EMS was called to check on the man, but he refused to go to the emergency room. Ms. Maupin stated at the time she filled out the report she had not heard a final comment from Ms. June Harvey, but Ms. Harvey has since talked with the family and found out the man has a separated shoulder. Ms. Maupin stated the library is looking at the incident as a safety issue, and has talked about moving a bench out to the turn in area so there is a place visible to cars for visitors to sit, rather than sitting in the grass. Commissioner Bailey asked if there is a WIFI password at the libraries and if the WIFI could be used outside on a cell phone. Ms. Maupin stated there is no WIFI password; the WIFI is public. Ms. Maupin informed the Board to let her know if they have any other ideas that would make the library a safer area for pedestrians and drivers. Chairman Wise stated he thought the bench was a good idea, and would hopefully take care of the hazard of people not being seen while outside the library.

Ms. Maupin stated the State Aid Grant has been executed, and the State Aid grant would be a little over \$210,000.00. Ms. Maupin stated she expects the funding to be received sometime in March.

JUDY BISS – COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Ms. Biss stated since there is a network of Extension Offices throughout the State they have been getting reports on damage to the agricultural resources of Florida statewide. Ms. Biss stated sugar cane has been significantly impacted and there are many green oranges on the ground. Ms. Biss stated she has been doing some assessments locally as well.

Ms. Biss stated the rest of September would be busy with pesticide training, master gardener classes, and a few workshops. Ms. Biss stated all Calhoun County 4th graders would be attending a field trip to Quincy Farm Research Station in two (2) weeks.

JOE WOOD – DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Wood asked Board permission to declare surplus and dispose of asset #10141, asset #158, asset #163, and asset #278. Mr. Wood stated these are old fiberglass recycling containers that have not been used in years, are broken, and are of no further use.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to declare the assets surplus and to dispose of the assets. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Wood informed the Board the Road Department antenna has been removed from the Frink Tower and is being stored at the Road Department in case it needs to be used again.

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Shane Goff was on the agenda tonight to speak with the Board about placing bees on FEMA acquisition properties. Mr. Wood stated he has done some research and found the County has twenty-two (22) FEMA acquisition properties that range from 1/3 acre to five (5) acres. Mr. Wood asked if the Board would like to allow bees to be placed on the properties, and if so how they would like to determine who would be able to place bees on the properties. Mr. Wood stated if the Board is interested, he could do more research and find out which of the FEMA acquisition properties would be appropriate for bee keeping. Chairman Wise stated anyone who puts bees on one of these properties will have to understand that the public has access to these properties and could go get the honey. Commissioner McDougald stated Mr. Goff had talked about placing fences around the bee hives. Mr. Wood stated Mr. Goff would install a fence to keep animals out, which has been cleared with FEMA

since it would not impede the flow of water. Mr. Wood stated Mr. Goff was prepared to pay the Board a fee to lease or rent the land so it would be his for an agreed upon length of time to raise honey, and not allow anyone on the property to take his honey. Commissioner McDougald stated he would like Attorney Fuqua to give his opinion on the topic. (Attorney Fuqua was delayed due to heavy traffic associated with evacuees from Hurricane Irma) Commissioner Bailey stated he would like permission from FEMA in writing to use the properties for bee keeping, and would prefer to bid out the properties to the interested parties. Mr. Wood stated he has an email from FEMA confirming the County is able to allow bees on FEMA acquisition properties, as long as no structures are built that would impede the flow of water. There was further discussion about FEMA properties and bees. Mr. Wood stated he would do more research and bring more information before the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Wood stated Commissioner Bailey requested him to inquire about the possibility of the County having an amnesty weekend, which consists of placing a dumpster in each district on a Friday afternoon and having them picked up on Monday. Mr. Wood stated the cost of a 20 yard dumpster, including the disposal fee, would be \$485.53 and a 30 yard dumpster would cost \$528.56. Mr. Wood stated they would accept most everything except for liquids, hazardous materials, tires, or appliances. Mr. Wood stated the Board might want to discourage citizens from placing limb debris in the dumpster, as this would fill the dumpster quickly and there are other ways of disposing of the debris. Commissioner McDougald asked if the location of the dumpsters would be advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Wood stated the location could be advertised if the Board chose to do so. Commissioner McDougald stated there would be no way to enforce what is allowed to be placed in the dumpsters. Mr. Wood stated the containers would be going to Campbellton, and they would likely still accept the containers even if they contained a small amount of unacceptable items. Commissioner Bailey suggested if the amnesty weekend is approved, inmates should be scheduled to clean up the area after the dumpster is removed to pick up any trash left behind. There was further discussion about the amnesty weekend. There was a consensus of the Board to use the 30-yard dumpster.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to include the amnesty weekend as a task in the Solid Waste Grant. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Jace Ford advertised for an auxiliary Mosquito Control truck driver and received seven (7) applications. Mr. Wood stated Mr. Ford narrowed the applications down to three (3) individuals, and two (2) responded to interview. Mr. Wood stated Mr. Ford has decided on the best applicant for the job and asked Board permission to hire the individual. Commissioner Bailey stated Mr. Wood is a department head and has the right to hire without Board permission. Mr. Wood stated he just wanted the Board to be aware of what is happening in his department, and if any of the Commissioners wanted to review the applications, they would be available. Commissioner Jones asked if this driver would be a fill in only for Mr. Andy Bailey. Mr. Wood stated the driver would only fill in if Mr. Bailey were unable to drive due to sickness or vacation. Commissioner Jones asked why Mr. Ford did not take the option to fill in for Mr. Bailey himself instead of hiring someone. Mr. Wood stated he works during the day doing other things, but if the Board would wish for Mr. Ford to do the fill in spraying, they could make that decision. Commissioner McDougald stated he has no issue with hiring an auxiliary mosquito spray truck driver. Mr. Wood stated the Board has already voted for Mr. Ford to advertise and hire an auxiliary driver, Mr. Wood just wanted the Board to be aware of the process. Commissioner Bailey stated he has no issue with the position being filled, and also has no issue with Mr. Ford filling in himself to spray.

Mr. Wood stated the Board would need to determine several debris staging areas in the County for FEMA debris cleanup should a Hurricane or other type of storm hit our area. Mr. Wood stated if the County wants to be reimbursed for handling the debris, a staging area has to be named in advance of a storm. Mr. Wood stated the area needs to be cleared, and asked the Board to think about areas in their districts that could be named as debris staging areas. There was further discussion about a debris staging area.

CHELSEA SNOWDEN – PROJECTS AND GRANTS COORDINATOR

Ms. Snowden yielded part of her time to Mr. Jake Mathis from Melvin Engineering to give an update on Roy Golden Road.

Mr. Mathis stated Roy Golden Road is complete, and in order to close out the project, pay application number two (2) for \$221,265.63 and the final pay application, number three (3), for \$45,647.24 will need approval. Mr. Mathis stated along with the pay applications there is a final change order to decrease the total contract amount by \$10,074.66. Mr. Mathis asked approval for the Chairman to sign the final completion document and the release to close the project. Commissioner Bailey asked if Mr. Edenfield has looked at the road and approved the work done. Mr. Edenfield stated he is satisfied with the work that has been done.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the pay applications, change order, and final completion documents. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Mathis stated Melvin Engineering has been hired for inspection services on the Buddy Johnson and Musgrove Road project, and the project is about 40% complete. Mr. Mathis stated C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. has paved the structural lift on Buddy Johnson Road and all cross drains and side drains have been installed. Mr. Mathis stated a portion of Musgrove Road has also been paved, but there is about ¼ mile of road left to be paved. Mr. Mathis stated after the structural lift, the final lift would be paved as well as pouring the headwalls on the cross drains and side drains.

Ms. Snowden requested Board approval to pay the two (2) pay applications for Roy Golden Road.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to pay the two (2) pay applications. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated she and Mr. Wood have been working together to finalize the Solid Waste Grant work plan. Ms. Snowden stated the grant work plan is due to be submitted to the state on October 1, and she would have a full grant work plan to present at the September 26th Board meeting.

Ms. Snowden stated the Northwest Florida Water Management District has approved the remainder of the funds for the Catalyst Site Improvement project to be used for the water line extension. Ms. Snowden presented the Board with a change order to North Florida Construction, Inc.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated Suggs Attaway Road and John F Bailey Road have been advertised and bids will be opened at the next regular Board meeting.

Ms. Snowden opened and passed out proposals to the Board for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the SCRAP (Small County Road Assistance Program) River Street project.

Ms. Snowden stated she does not have the ranking sheets tonight, but would email the Commissioners a copy tomorrow morning and a copy would be available in the Clerk's Office for those without printing capabilities. There were four (4) proposers: David H. Melvin, Inc. Consulting Engineers, Panhandle Engineering, Inc., Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc., and Anchor CEI. Ms. Snowden stated due to the heavy traffic today, David H. Melvin, Inc. was late getting their proposal to the Clerk's Office, but she encouraged the Board to accept the proposal because of the extenuating circumstances. There was Board consensus to accept the proposal. Ms. Snowden requested the Board score the proposals and bring the score sheets back to the next regular Board meeting on September 26, 2017.

JUSTIN FORD, DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC./PREBLE-RISH – COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Ford opened and read aloud the bids for the SCRAP River Street project.

SCRAP River Street Project	
Contractor	Total Base Bid
C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.	\$334,295.12
Roberts & Roberts Inc.	\$339,682.65

Available for Construction: \$1,089,071.00

Mr. Ford stated the apparent low bidder is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc., and the amount is well within the construction budget, and his recommendation would be to award the project to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. contingent upon review of the bid documents.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to award the project to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. contingent upon review. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated FDOT usually likes to see at least three (3) bidders on a project, so the bids will be submitted to FDOT for review. Mr. Ford stated this is generally more of an emphasis on LAP (Local Agency Program) projects, but they would still be submitting the bids to FDOT for review. Commissioner Bailey asked for Dewberry's estimated cost of the project. Mr. Ford stated he was not sure what their latest estimate was, but when FDOT originally awarded the project the sidewalks were included which is why the project is listed to have over \$1,000,000 available for construction. Mr. Ford stated FDOT then came back and stated the funds could not be used for the sidewalk replacement. Mr. Ford stated they consulted with FDOT several times about replacing the sidewalks but each time were told the funding could not be used for sidewalks. Commissioner Jones inquired if Mr. Ford could ask FDOT again if the funds could be used for the sidewalk replacement since the bids came in so low. Mr. Ford stated he would be glad to inquire again about using the funding for the sidewalks. There was further discussion about the sidewalk replacement.

Mr. Ford stated they are waiting on comments from FDOT on County Road 392, and should hear back soon about the project. Mr. Ford stated they are about a month and a half away from submitting the John G. Bryant Road project to FDOT for comments.

Mr. Ford stated there are no FEMA projects currently under construction. Mr. Ford stated they would be advertising for the FEMA portion of Sam Duncan Road soon.

Mr. Ford stated the Amaziah Peacock Road bids were opened at the last Board meeting, and exceeded the amount FEMA allocated for the project. Mr. Ford stated there would only be enough funding for paving the road, but the Road Department has the equipment and materials to do the rest of the work. Mr. Ford stated he has spoken with Roberts & Roberts, Inc., the low bidder on the project, and they have agreed to complete only the paving portion of the project. Mr. Ford recommended the Board approve for staff to prepare the necessary contract documents to award the paving portion of the project to Roberts & Roberts, Inc.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to award the project to Roberts & Roberts, Inc. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Ford stated several meetings ago bids for the Chipola Road Sidewalk Project were opened and the bids were in excess of the available funds for construction. Mr. Ford stated they have re-engineered the project to try to save money, and after applying the new engineering to the bids received previously, they are confident that after the project has been re-bid the project will come in at the budgeted amount. Mr. Ford stated they would be re-bidding the project in the newspaper next week.

Mr. Ford stated when the Ocheessee Landing Road PW was bid, a line item for bonds and insurance was included. Mr. Ford stated he was unaware of this, but FEMA does not reimburse for bonds and insurance. Mr. Ford stated North Florida Construction has already been paid the \$2,500 for the bonds and insurance reimbursement. Mr. Ford stated the County has two (2) options, request the funds back from North Florida Construction or the County can elect to not seek reimbursement for the amount and cover the amount from County funds.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion for the County to not seek reimbursement and cover the amount with County funds. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY TIME

Attorney Fuqua asked the Board if they would like the Moratorium Ordinance on medical marijuana to just expire and let capitalism take its course. Chairman Wise indicated he would like the ordinance to expire. Commissioner McDougald asked when the ordinance would expire. Commissioner Bailey stated he believed the ordinance was for about one (1) year. Clerk Hand looked up the ordinance online and the ordinance was set to expire after 364 days.

Attorney Fuqua stated in October or November the Board would have a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan regarding oil extraction, not fracking, to make it more of a common practice rather than companies having to apply for a conditional use permit every time they want to drill a well. Attorney Fuqua stated there is a 1% royalty to the County from oil that is produced, if oil is found in the county. Attorney Fuqua stated October 24th would be the first public hearing on the matter. There was further discussion about the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

COMMISSIONER TIME

COMMISSIONER MCDUGALD

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER JONES

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY

Nothing to report.

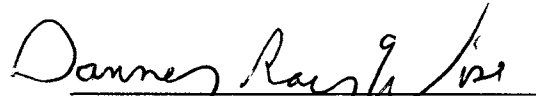
COMMISSIONER HALL

Nothing to report.

CHAIRMAN WISE

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m., CT.


DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK