

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 20, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
JERAL HALL**

SARAH WILLIAMS, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Vice-Chairman Bailey called the Public Hearing on a proposed modification of Calhoun County's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant to order at 9:30 a.m., CT.

Ms. Snowden reminded the County Commissioners that the County's CDBG grant #17-DB-OL-02-17-01-N10 agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity has to be formally modified in order to add the unmet need projects to the grant, as authorized by the Board at the February 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. Snowden stated the County is not allowed to authorize the construction contractor to proceed with work that is not in the original CDBG grant until the modification is approved by DEO (Department of Economic Opportunity).

Ms. Snowden stated that she and Deborah Belcher, the County's CDBG consultant administrator, discussed the County's CDBG grant with the Florida DEO staff. DEO's position is that the County must completely delete the Suggs Attaway road paving project from the CDBG grant, instead of counting it as a "leverage" project. Ms. Snowden stated the Suggs Attaway paving contract is funded by a state DOT grant (Small County Outreach Program, SCOP), and does not contain federal provisions, such as Davis-Bacon Act, that DEO staff believe are required in order to be linked with the CDBG grant. Ms. Snowden stated the grant modification will remove all leverage funds commitment from the grant.

Ms. Snowden stated that DEO has promised that there will be no penalty in the next CDBG application for not serving the original Suggs Attaway Road CDBG service area with the CDBG grant. This promise is based on the proposed CDBG rule change that would remove such penalties.

Vice-Chairman Bailey called for public comments. There was no public comment.

Ms. Snowden recommended the Board proceed with removing the leverage funds, and removing the Suggs Attaway Road service area from the CDBG grant as required by DEO, and adding the "unmet need" projects as approved 2/13/2018.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to remove the leverage funds, and remove the Suggs Attaway Road service area from the CDBG grant as required by DEO, and add the "unmet need" projects as approved 2/13/2018. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m., CT.



GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK