

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

**CLAY MILTON, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND VOUCHERS

A motion to approve the minutes and vouchers as published on the agenda (the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 13, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes; vouchers for warrants: accounts payable warrants – 1807-UTL, 1807-2G, 1807-2RD, 1807-2L, 1807-2E, 1807-2S and payroll warrants – none) was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney Milton stated the Board has two (2) Planning Commission recommendations for approval from the previous Planning Commission Meeting, one for the Comprehensive Plan amendment transmittal and one for a conditional use permit for construction of a cell tower on John Redd Road.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation of approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a cell tower on John Redd Road. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan amendment. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Attorney Milton stated all comments from the Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the cell tower were asked to be brought forward into the Regular Board Meeting.

Comments from Planning Commission Meeting:

Mr. James Johnston with Shutts and Bowen, 300 South Orange Avenue Orlando, FL, presented on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Johnston stated they propose to install a 250-foot self-support cell tower on a 100 by 100 foot lease area on the larger parent parcel that would be accessed by John Redd Road. Mr. Johnston stated the tower would not be in a flood zone and meets district setbacks and fall zone requirements. Mr. Johnston stated the tower is designed with hinge points to fall onto itself, and the fall zone is on the parent parcel. Mr. Johnston stated the tower would allow co-location of other antennas to prevent tower proliferation, and the tower compound would be enclosed with an eight (8) foot fence

and locked gate. Mr. Johnston stated the cell tower has met the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) determination of no hazard to air navigation. Mr. Johnston presented Mr. Jamie Cruz, who is a RF (Radio Frequency) engineer with Verizon, who designs where the towers need to go to provide the required service. Mr. Cruz stated from an RF engineering prospective, the location chosen and the height of the tower is key to fill in the gap between cell sites and provide reliable coverage, as well as needed capacity with the increased use of mobile data. Chairman Wise stated he was absent from the last meeting, and asked if the spot chosen is the most efficient for the coverage needed, even if the cell tower was moved east 500 feet. Mr. Cruz stated he did not believe moving the tower 500 feet would affect coverage. Chairman Wise stated he noticed the cell tower is very close to the adjacent property line. Chairman Wise stated he knows the tower is constructed to collapse on itself, but we do not live in a perfect world and if something were to go wrong the tower could fall on the adjacent property. Mr. Johnston stated the towers are engineered with hinge points and meet all engineering requirements, and that the tower fall zone would not extend beyond the parent parcel. Chairman Wise stated he was just curious if the tower could be moved at all from the site chosen since it is so close to the adjacent property. Attorney Milton asked if it could be explained why the tower is located on the parent tract of land where it is located, and the reason this location has been selected versus another location on the property. Mr. Johnston stated there are RF constraints and property owner constraints when selecting a site location. Mr. Ricky Beasley, who works with the site selection company Excel Communications, stated they originally looked at another site on the parent parcel but the area was too wet for the tower. Mr. Beasley stated Mr. Tyre, the property owner, indicated the best place for the tower would be closer to John Redd Road. There was further discussion about the cell tower. Mr. Johnston stated an issue regarding property value was raised at the last hearing, and provided the Commissioners with an Affidavit from a property appraiser to address the property value issue. Ms. Shalene Grover stated as this is considered a quasi-judicial hearing, she objects to heresy based on the property appraiser not being in attendance to the meeting for the record. Mr. Johnston briefly went over the Affidavit with the Commissioners. Mr. Johnston stated in the report it states they have spoken with the Chief Deputy Director, Ms. Kara Hires with the Property Appraiser's Office in Calhoun County, who stated the proximity to towers is not taken into account in determining property values, and no property owners have asked for a reduction in assessment based on proximity to a cell tower. Mr. Johnson stated many Property Appraisers from across the State have been spoken with, who all offer a consistent opinion that they do not take proximity to towers into account when determining property values. There was further discussion about the Affidavit. Mr. Johnston stated this cell tower is important; Verizon has a duty to provide adequate coverage to their customers, and is important from a public safety standpoint with 911 calls and emergency purposes. Mr. Johnston stated the tower meets code requirements of the County and requested the Board approve the Conditional Use Permit for the cell tower.

Ms. Shalene Grover stated again she objects to the report submitted by Mr. Johnston because the author of the report is not at the meeting to testify and this prohibits her ability to cross-examine. Ms. Grover stated there are numerous studies that contradict the information presented. Ms. Grover stated she talked about four (4) different studies at the last hearing that show negative impacts of cell towers on properties. Ms. Grover provided the Board with copies of the studies. Mr. Johnston also objected to the studies since the authors were not present to testify. Ms. Grover stated she has brought two (2) local people who are involved in real estate to testify, because opinions from our area are more relevant than those from a larger county or city.

Mr. Justin Terry, 17510 NE Jane St. Blountstown, FL, stated he is the managing broker of Pro Team Realty Group. Ms. Grover asked if Mr. Terry is a licensed real estate agent, and if so how long he has been licensed. Mr. Terry stated he has been a licensed real estate agent for twelve (12) years and a licensed real estate broker for three (3) years. Ms. Grover asked where Mr. Terry's office is located. Mr.

Terry stated he has an office in Altha, Florida and in Marianna, Florida. Ms. Grover asked what area Mr. Terry's office focuses on, and how many properties have been sold. Mr. Terry stated they list properties in Calhoun County and surrounding areas, and they have sold hundreds of properties. Ms. Grover asked if they advise property owners on listing prices, and if so, would the listing price be affected negatively by the proximity to a cell tower. Mr. Terry stated he does advise property owners on listing prices, and a listing price would be negatively affected if a cell tower were in close proximity to a house, depending on how close, by 15% or 20%. Ms. Grover asked if Mr. Terry has experienced a negative reaction from a prospective buyer when they find out a cell tower is in close proximity to a property. Mr. Terry stated he has, and the buyer decided not to buy the property when they found out a cell tower was close to the home. Ms. Grover asked if Mr. Terry would be interested in buying a property with a cell tower in close proximity. Mr. Terry stated he would not because of the negative effect to the value of the property. Mr. Terry stated in an urban area a cell tower close to a house may not be a big deal, but in a rural area, it is a big deal and does negatively affect property value. Commissioner McDougald asked if Mr. Terry has ever had a client look at a property and get their cell phone out to make sure they can get a good signal, and prefer to buy property where they have good cell service. Mr. Terry stated he has had some people who prefer to have good cell service, but cannot speak to if this happens more than someone not wanting a cell tower close by.

Mr. Michael Wright, 221-1 Delta Court, Tallahassee, FL, stated he is a State certified residential property appraiser. Ms. Grover asked how long Mr. Wright has been a property appraiser, and where he primarily works. Mr. Wright stated he has been a property appraiser for 25 years, State certified for 24 years, and appraises property from South Walton to Jefferson County; anywhere in the big bend of the panhandle. Ms. Grover asked if Mr. Wright has appraised properties in Calhoun County. Mr. Wright stated he has appraised hundreds of properties in Calhoun County. Ms. Grover asked, in Mr. Wright's professional opinion, if close proximity of a property to a cell tower affects the property value negatively. Mr. Wright stated close proximity of a cell tower to a home absolutely would negatively affect the property value. Ms. Grover asked if Mr. Wright knows the percentage, which would affect the property value by a cell tower. Mr. Wright stated there are many factors that affect property value such as how close the tower is to a home, if the tower can be seen from the home, or if it affects the presentation and curb appeal of the home. Mr. Wright stated the National Association of Realtors published an article that stated 94% of people surveyed by the National Institute of Science Law and Public Policy stated they would be less interested and would pay less for a property located near a tower or antenna. Mr. Wright stated HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) lists cell towers under hazards and nuisances. Mr. Wright asked the Board if there were two identical homes, one with a cell tower behind it and one without a cell tower behind it, which one would they pay less for and how much less.

Ms. Grover stated she would leave the Board with two (2) court cases where both counties denied an application for a cell tower and both were upheld in court because they had a real estate appraiser and a real estate agent who testified to the negative impact on the value of property to the adjacent landowner. Chairman Wise asked Ms. Grover if she is a property owner who would be close to the proposed cell tower. Ms. Grover stated she owns property across County Road 69A from where the tower would be built and would be able to see the tower visibly from her home.

Mr. Gary Ward, 20522 NE Macedonia Church Road, Blountstown, FL, stated he is for the cell tower construction. Mr. Ward stated he has farmed the property the tower would be placed on for forty (40) years, so good cell service is important to him. Mr. Ward stated Mr. Tyre gave the County a lot of land for the right of way for County Road 69A, and is a Calhoun County taxpayer.

Ms. Jessica Metcalf, 18858 NE Live Oak Lane, Blountstown, FL, stated her great uncle owns the land the cell tower would be placed on and the land has been in their family since 1946. Ms. Metcalf stated her

great uncle is not a money hungry person who lives in Las Vegas as he was made out to be at the last hearing. Ms. Metcalf stated her great uncle is still a taxpayer for Calhoun County, and has given the County a lot of land for right of way when paving County Road 69A and John Redd Road. Ms. Lynette Tyre, also of 18858 NE Live Oak Lane, Blountstown, FL, stated she lived on the property in question for many years.

Mr. Phillip Wayne Sutton, 21890 County Road 69A, Blountstown, FL, stated he worked in environmental health for many years with the Health Department and asked if the State was involved in determining if the property is considered wetlands. Mr. Snowden responded the area the cell tower would be placed on is not located in a wetland area according to the National Wetland Inventory Map.

Mr. Johnston addressed the testimony of the real estate broker and the property appraiser, and stated neither has done any studies personally on the effect of towers on property values and only quoted other studies done from the internet. Mr. Johnston stated the report they provided from a property appraiser is an actual tower impact study conducted by the property appraiser. Mr. Johnston stated he would respectfully ask the Board to approve the conditional use permit for the construction of the cell tower.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CRIME PREVENTION FUND

Clerk Hand stated the Sheriff is requesting reimbursement from the Crime Prevention Fund for their summer camp expenditures of \$3,002.12.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve reimbursement to the Sheriff from the Crime Prevention Funds for \$3,002.12. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Clerk Hand stated this afternoon Ms. Kim Tanner with the Sheriff's Office brought over two (2) certifications for execution, one (1) by the Chairman and one (1) by the Attorney, in regards to a JAG (Justice Assistance Grant). Clerk Hand stated Attorney Milton is reviewing the certification documents. Attorney Milton asked if Clerk Hand has the information listed on the certification to be executed by the Board Chairman, because the document states the Board certifies there has been public comment on the grant application. Attorney Milton asked if it is known what the application is for and if there has been public comment on the application. Clerk Hand stated she does not have the information, but the deadline submitting the certification is August 3, and asked if a motion could be made contingent upon further review of the certification document requirements. (The Clerk called FDLE the following day and was directed by FDLE to submit the certification by the Attorney prior to August 3, 2018 deadline, noting the certification by the Board Chairman is not due. Attorney Milton reviewed and signed the certification, which was given to Ms. Tanner for submittal to FDLE.)

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the signatures needed on the two (2) certifications for the JAG grant application contingent upon all needed information being in order. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

SANDY KELLY – SHIP BIDS

Attorney Milton opened and read the SHIP Bids aloud:

SHIP Bids				
Client Names	County Estimate	50% Value of Home	Gulf Coast Home Solutions, LLC	Chariot Construction
Pearlie Moore	\$13,500.00 20% cap \$2,700.00 \$16,200.00	\$17,878.00	\$12,500.00	\$14,400.00
Mary Lewis	\$7,500.00 20% cap \$1,500.00 \$9,000.00	\$59,159.00	\$7,975.00	\$9,500.00
Christie Faircloth	\$16,500.00 20% cap \$3,300.00 \$19,800.00	\$32,302.50	\$29,600.00	\$27,500.00

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to award the projects to the low bidder for the projects that came in under the cap amount, and to negotiate with the contractor who was the low bidder on the project that came in over the cap amount. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

HLMP GRANT MODIFICATION

Clerk Hand stated on Friday Mr. Adam Johnson, Interim Emergency Management Director, brought her the modification to the State grant agreement between the Division of Emergency Management and Calhoun County extending the HLMP (Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program) grant agreement to December 31, 2018.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to grant the Chairman permission to execute the grant extension. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

GEORGIA ACKERMAN – APALACHICOLA RIVERKEEPER

Ms. Ackerman stated the Board of Directors for the Apalachicola Riverkeeper is hosting their Board meeting in Blountstown and would be having a social afterwards on Friday August 17, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Civic Center.

Ms. Ackerman stated the University of Florida is conducting a multi-year project on some vegetation restoration on some sandbars between river markers 71 to 74. Ms. Ackerman stated if anyone has been on the river lately they may have noticed some tree stakes with colored flags on them, and these are part of the program. Ms. Ackerman stated Dr. Joanna Massa is the researcher on the project, with is EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) funded. Ms. Ackerman stated they are studying some strategies to slow sandbar growth and slow the erosion on the opposite side of the sandbars. Ms. Ackerman stated if anyone would like further information on the project she would be happy to supply the information electronically.

Ms. Ackerman stated the Apalachicola Riverkeeper is closely monitoring the Florida VS. Georgia court case that was sent back to the Special Master by the Supreme Court. Ms. Ackerman stated if Apalachicola Riverkeeper could do anything to help keep the County informed to let her know.

ASSETS TO DISPOSE OF: PROPERTY APPRAISER, COUNTY JUDGE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CIRCUIT JUDGE OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to declare obsolete and permission to dispose of the assets listed on the agenda (Assets 1204, 1193, 1167, 1189, 1364, 1344, 1705, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1703, 789). Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

JOHN M. DAVIS – IDA BOARD

Mr. Davis stated the new fuel system installed at the airport is working well, and is much quicker than the old system.

Mr. Davis stated Mr. Paul Laramore is scheduled to have surgery and would be out of work for a while. Mr. Davis stated they have spoken to Mr. Joe Wood about checking the fuel system several times per week, and Mr. Bobby Summers who works with Liberty County would be cutting the grass after hours and on the weekends in Mr. Laramore's absence.

Mr. Davis stated they have been working on updating the hangar contracts and hangar rent, and are getting close to completing the project. Mr. Davis stated the IDA Board voted last night to increase the hangar rent by an average of 20% overall.

CHELSEA SNOWDEN – PROJECTS AND GRANTS COORDINATOR

Ms. Snowden stated it is time to work on the 2018-2019 Small County Solid Waste Grant work plan. Ms. Snowden stated the Board received \$90,909 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the recycling program operations. Ms. Snowden stated the 2017-2018 grant cycle was very successful and added new tasks, such as the dumpster placement in all the districts. Ms. Snowden stated she would like to get a better understanding of what the Board would like to see in the next grant work plan. Ms. Snowden stated she has done some planning already based on the work plan this past year. Ms. Snowden stated 5% of her salary, 100% of Mr. Oby Borelli's salary, and 50% of Mr. Fred Tanner's allocation with the Sheriff's office, as well as fringe benefits, comes from the grant, which leaves \$16,368.21 towards the recycling program operations. Ms. Snowden stated she has increased the allocation for hazmat day to \$3,740.83 since a little more money was spent on this event in the past year, and has placed \$3,000 for dumpsters in each district. Ms. Snowden stated if the Board were okay with these amounts, there would be about \$6,800 remaining in the grant for the Board to allocate. Ms. Snowden stated in the 2017-2018 grant cycle, the remaining funds were allocated towards building repairs for the recycling building. Ms. Snowden stated in speaking with some of the staff they feel one thing they could use, as far as equipment goes, would be a new lawn mower. Commissioner Bailey stated the money could be allocated toward further repairs to the recycling building. There was further discussion about the Small County Solid Waste Grant work plan.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Small County Solid Waste Grant work plan. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated the Board requested she solicit website development and email administration quotes for the Board's website as well as for emails and email administration for twenty-five (25) employees. Ms. Snowden stated four (4) quotes were received, but one (1) came in a few hours after the deadline. There was Board consensus to disqualify the late quote. Ms. Snowden stated the first quote is from Civic Plus, based in Manhattan, Kansas, and they only do website development and administration. Ms. Snowden stated the initial investment for one year would be \$10,950 and the annual service fee for administration would be \$2,000. Ms. Snowden stated the second quote is from Kerrigan Marketing Associates, based in Mexico Beach, Florida. Ms. Snowden stated the initial investment for website design would be \$5,525 and for the website, and email hosting with one (1) hour

monitoring and maintenance per month would be \$199 per month. Ms. Snowden stated the last quote is from The Net Group. Ms. Snowden stated the initial investment for website design would be \$3,500, the annual fee for domain and site management would be \$925, and for twenty-five (25) email addresses and maintenance of the emails would be \$1,050. Ms. Snowden stated the quote states if the County contracts a new website with the company they would not charge additional for the email system. There was further discussion about the quotes.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to table the quotes until the next Board meeting. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Snowden stated last Tuesday she and Commissioner Bailey attended the FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) application workshop and learned about some upcoming application cycles. Ms. Snowden stated the first application cycle deadline is August 15 and a 50% match would be required of the County. Ms. Snowden stated this grant would be for playground equipment for children with unique abilities under the age of twelve (12), and the playground must have lighting. Ms. Snowden stated the regular FRDAP cycle closes October 1, and two (2) applications could be submitted for the cycle. Ms. Snowden asked the Board if they would like to pursue the first application cycle. There was Board consensus to pass on the first application cycle. Ms. Snowden stated Commissioner McDougald inquired earlier how much money the legislature has allocated for the regular FRDAP cycle. Ms. Snowden stated the legislature has not allocated the funds yet for this cycle, but for the 2018/2019 roll over cycle they allocated two (2) million dollars. Ms. Snowden stated it is not known if they would allocate more or less money for the upcoming cycle.

Ms. Snowden stated the Historic Courthouse Brick Re-pointing grant must be closed out by July 30, and the contractor is working diligently to complete the work by this time. Ms. Snowden stated there would not be another Board meeting before July 30, and there is currently \$6,750 left in the contract for Williams Industrial Marine. Ms. Snowden requested the Board approve payment outside of the regular Board meeting to Williams Industrial Marine for \$6,750 once the work has been completed.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve payment to Williams Industrial Marine for \$6,750 outside the regular Board meeting once the work has been completed. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

CHRIS FOREHAND, PANHANDLE ENGINEERING, INC. – COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Forehand stated they have been working on the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) applications for the County, and in order for the Chairman to execute the application documents and to submit the applications a resolution is needed.

RESOLUTION 2018-18
RESOLUTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE PANHANDLE ENGINEERING, INC. TO PREPARE THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR JIM PICKRON ROAD, COY LINDSEY ROAD, COUNTY ROAD 4, BODIFORD ROAD AND CLAYTON SHIVER ROAD IN CALHOUN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Calhoun County, Florida has authorized Panhandle Engineering, Inc. to apply to financial assistance from the Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the

State of Florida for costs related to the drainage improvements projects on the five roads in Calhoun County.

WHEREAS, Panhandle Engineering, Inc. and the County mutually agree to amend the Agreement should the State of Florida deny any financial assistance from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida requires that a Resolution be passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida authorizing the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida to execute and submit the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Program Applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida as follows:

1. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida is authorized to enter into and execute the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida this 24th day of July 2018.

- ❖ Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-18. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Forehand stated the pre-final inspection was held on the Chipola Road Sidewalk Project last Friday. Mr. Forehand stated a few minor punch list items were sent to the contractor to be completed, along with a substantial completion certificate. Mr. Forehand stated they expect the project to be complete by next week.

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

Mr. Ford updated the Board on the Neal Landing Boat Ramp project. Mr. Ford stated the amended agreement with Neal Land and Timber Company has been recorded, which was the final piece needed to obtain the submerged land lease from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Ford stated the permit should be received in the next four (4) to six (6) weeks. Mr. Ford stated once the permit is received the Board would need to decide when to move forward with the project. Mr. Ford stated he would recommend the Board start work on the project in the winter months when the boat ramp is not used as frequently since it will have to be shut down for several months during construction.

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Clerk Hand requested the Board schedule another Budget meeting prior to the next Board meeting at 4:00 pm in order to continue making changes to the budget. There was Board consensus to schedule the Budget meeting for 4:00 on August 14.

Clerk Hand stated she received an email today from Ms. Rita Maupin, Director of Library Services, stating she received e-rate monies, funds the library receives each year. Clerk Hand stated Ms. Maupin must spend the money with the approved vendor CDWG. Clerk Hand stated Ms. Maupin wanted the Board to know this purchase would not follow the normal procurement policy because she is required to use the approved vendor.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to set aside the procurement policy to allow Ms. Maupin to use the e-rate funds to purchase goods from the approved vendor. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

ATTORNEY TIME

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER TIME

COMMISSIONER MCDUGALD

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER JONES

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY

Commissioner Bailey stated he would prefer to shut down Neal Boat Landing in November to begin construction if everything goes as planned. Commissioner McDougald asked how long construction is expected to last. Mr. Ford stated he would estimate three (3) months depending on the weather. Mr. Ford stated if the Board would like to start the project in November, the advertisement for bids would need to be submitted eight (8) weeks ahead of the start date. Ms. Snowden stated the County could not begin any work until a fully executed agreement is received, so the start date is subject to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission releasing the funds. Mr. Ford stated this could be listed in the bid advertisement that award would be contingent upon permitting and funding being released, assuming the project is bid before these items are received. There was further discussion about the boat-landing project.

Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Snowden to inform the Board about the meeting the Northwest Florida Water Management District would like to hold. Mr. Snowden stated they have done another flood insurance study of the Apalachicola River watershed, which includes the Chipola River, and the NFWMD would like Calhoun County to host a meeting in which all the counties and stakeholders would have the opportunity to attend so they could present the new data on the flood insurance study. Mr. Snowden stated they would prefer the meeting to be held on August 22, which would last about two (2) hours. Mr. Snowden stated he would like to hold the meeting at 1:00 in the regular Board room. Commissioner Bailey stated he reached out to RCC Church also about holding the meeting there. There was further discussion about the meeting. Mr. Snowden stated NFWMD would like to send out invitations tomorrow. Commissioner Bailey stated he would get together with Mr. Snowden tomorrow morning to decide what location would be available for the meeting.

Commissioner Bailey stated he would like to amend the CIP (County Improvements Plan) in the Comprehensive Plan through an ordinance at the next Board meeting to help with points for the FRDAP applications in October. Mr. Snowden stated a workshop would be needed to discuss the projects the Board would like put into the CIP. Attorney Milton stated the ordinance must be advertised in the newspaper, so the ordinance could possibly be adopted at the last Board meeting in August. Commissioner Bailey stated he would like the ordinance to be adopted before October 1. There was Board consensus to hold the workshop on Tuesday, August 7 at 5:00 pm.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to amend the LHAP (Local Housing Assistance Plan) through the SHIP (State Housing Initiative Partnership) program to include mobile homes manufactured after 1994. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

COMMISSIONER HALL

Nothing to report.

CHAIRMAN WISE

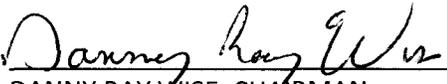
Chairman Wise yielded his time to Mr. Frank Snowden. Mr. Snowden stated a company contacted him that has software that would be useful for the Road Department. Mr. Snowden stated the price quoted was an \$8,000 initial fee with a \$7,000 per year subscription. Mr. Snowden stated the company also supplies this software to Jackson County and Gulf County, but he has not had a chance to speak with them about the program. Mr. Snowden stated the software is a way to manage work projects, shows where projects are located, what has been done on a project, and has a cell phone application that could be used by Road Department employees and Commissioners to geo-locate issues that are noted around the County. Mr. Snowden stated the software would be a great record keeping device, but the County would need to evaluate whether it would be worthwhile to implement.

Mr. Snowden stated in the near future the County would need to bring alternative energy into the Comprehensive Plan, such as solar energy. Mr. Snowden stated Innovative Solar Systems contacted him last week and informed him they have a prospective site for a solar farm. Mr. Snowden asked Attorney Milton if the County could approve a solar farm through a conditional use permit at this time. Attorney Milton asked where the solar farm would be located. Mr. Snowden stated the solar farm would be located in an area designated as agricultural. Attorney Milton stated he would do some research and let Mr. Snowden know if this would be allowable.

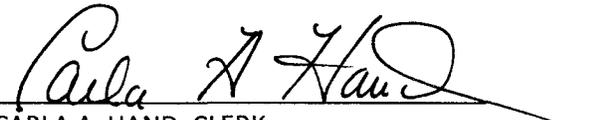
Mr. Snowden stated he would like to develop a flood zone development permit with a fee associated with the permit. Mr. Snowden stated this would have to be accomplished through an ordinance. Mr. Snowden stated the current fee ordinance would need to be amended as well. Commissioner Jones asked if anyone trying to build in the flood zone would have a fee assessed to them. Mr. Snowden stated the current flood plain management ordinance states a permit is needed to build in the flood zone. Mr. Snowden stated the County needs to make sure people are complying with the current ordinance, and this is one way to accomplish this. Mr. Snowden stated there would have to be some sort of fee imposed or the County would keep losing money.

Commissioner Bailey stated he would like Mr. Snowden to look at the cell tower ordinance from Liberty County for adoption in Calhoun County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m., CT.


DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK

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