

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2019**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

COMMISSIONERS:

**GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
SCOTT MONLYN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DANNY RAY WISE**

**CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT, COUNTY COMPTROLLER
DEBBIE SHELTON, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
KATHY STEWART, BUDGET AND FINANCE DIRECTOR/ACCOUNTING MANAGER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 5:32 p.m. CT.

Chairman Bailey stated the bids for the Kinard Community Center had been tabled at the September 3, 2019 meeting allowing Ms. Ranew time to verify the numbers. Chairman Bailey stated Ms. Ranew did the math and Gulf Coast Home Solutions LLC numbers adds up and they were the low bidder at \$413,950.

- ❖ A motion to adopt his bid so they can start work was made by Commissioner Wise and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monlyn. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Chairman Bailey stated this is contingent upon working out a pay schedule and submittals on the building with Mr. Stone.

Chairman Bailey turned over the floor to Commissioner Monlyn to give an update on the University of West Florida students working with the County under the EPA College Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) to assess housing needs for the County. Commissioner Monlyn stated the students will be here September 17, 2019 and will travel through the neighborhoods to begin making their assessments.

Commissioner Monlyn stated he was contacted by Mr. Ron Mulberry, a contractor, and he will be attending the September 17, 2019 meeting and has offered his assistance to our County.

Chairman Bailey stated he has received numerous emails concerning grants and money that will be available to the County. Chairman Bailey stated the County will need to hire grant writers. Chairman Bailey stated the Integrity Group has expressed a desire to help the County with the grant writing.

Chairman Bailey stated the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) may release \$25 million for Infrastructure Grants and other projects and the deadline is October 1, 2019. Chairman Bailey stated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money will be released soon. Chairman Bailey stated he would like the County to work with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) to apply for a USDA grant for a new library in the County. Chairman Bailey stated there is about \$5 million in Infrastructure Grants and he would like to apply for these to get water and sewer out to the Mowrey site which Shelton Trucking is purchasing.

Chairman Bailey stated there will be a workshop October 10, 2019 at 9:30 at the Calhoun County Public Library that will walk our staff through the steps involved in the Rehabilitation/Emergency Repair Process. This workshop will be in preparation for the \$5.1 million in Hurricane Housing Recovering Program (HHRP) money the County will be receiving.

Chairman Bailey stated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money once released will disperse quickly and the County has to be ready with a plan to act quickly.

Chairman Bailey stated between \$13-\$14 million has been appropriated to the County through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Chairman Bailey stated this grant requires a 25% match. Chairman Bailey stated it is advantageous to the County to use this grant program with projects the County already intended to pursue. Chairman Bailey stated it might be possible to use reserve funds for the matching dollars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44PM.

Gene Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carla A. Hand, Clerk of Court