

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2019**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN  
SCOTT MONLYN, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
JERAL HALL  
EARL HUNT  
DANNY RAY WISE**

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

Chairman Bailey called the meeting held in the Regular Meeting room to order at 5:00 P.M., CT. Commissioner Monlyn led the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Bailey turned the floor over to Ms. Ranew.

Ms. Ranew stated she had received the Commissioners rankings for Construction, Engineering, & Inspection (CEI) services for the Altha Sidewalk project and Panhandle Engineering was ranked number one.

- ❖ A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to allow Ms. Ranew to begin negotiations with Panhandle Engineering for CEI services on the Altha Sidewalk project and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ms. Ranew stated she had received the Commissioners rankings for the Emergency Management Consulting Services. Ms. Ranew stated The Management Experts was ranked number one followed by The Integrity Group then APTIM. Chairman Bailey recommended the Board hire The Management Experts and The Integrity Group.

- ❖ A motion to hire The Management Experts and The Integrity Group was made by Commissioner Wise and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Bailey stated the Grants Support Assistant position had been offered to an applicant and she declined the position. Chairman Bailey stated the position needs to be advertised again and filled expeditiously. Ms. Ranew stated she is in contact with two (2) possible candidates and requested permission to speak with them before the next Board meeting.

- ❖ A motion to allow Ms. Ranew to speak with applicants was made by Commissioner Monlyn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Bailey stated he and Clerk Hand will be attending a meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> concerning the Trammell Bridge Project Development. Chairman Bailey polled the Board concerning the closing of the bridge. The Commissioner were in agreement that no one is for closing the bridge.

Chairman Bailey stated he had reached out to Gulf County concerning the bidding of mobile homes with payment from Hurricane Housing Recovery Program funds (HHRP) to get an idea of the process.

- ❖ A motion to purchase a truck for HHRP out of the Administration Funds was made Commissioner Hunt and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Bailey stated each Commissioner had a copy of the employment announcements for the Emergency Management and Building Department positions. Chairman Bailey stated if there are changes to me made to the announcements to contact Pam Skinner.

Chairman Bailey asked Ms. Ranew to highlight some of the projects the County will be applying for in the \$25 million Legislative Appropriation Request. Ms. Ranew stated there is a \$100,000 request for the Pioneer Settlement, road debris removal, the Mossy Pond Fire Department building and a new Administration Building for the jail.

Chairman Bailey stated he has been in contact with the architect firm AIA concerning grant money for a new Administration Building. Chairman Bailey stated he has asked the Integrity Group to apply for the \$300,000 planning feasibility study to determine the need, location and funding process for a new Jail. There was further discussion.

Ms. Ranew stated another funding request will be to hire a full time Health Department Director. By consensus the Board agreed to pursue a full time Health Department Director for Calhoun County. There was further discussion.

Chairman Bailey stated he is working on a Rural Infrastructure Grant proposal to extend water, gas and sewer out to the Mowrey site for Shelton Trucking.

Chairman Bailey stated he has been contacted by someone wanting to host a Lacrosse game in Tallahassee as a fundraiser for the Mossy Pond Fire Department.

Chairman Bailey stated the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department had a reorganization meeting and elected a new Fire Chief. The fire department asked the County for help with their building repairs. Chairman Bailey stated the fire department agreed to deed the building to the County in exchange for monetary assistance. By consensus the Board agreed to move forward with the repairs for the building.

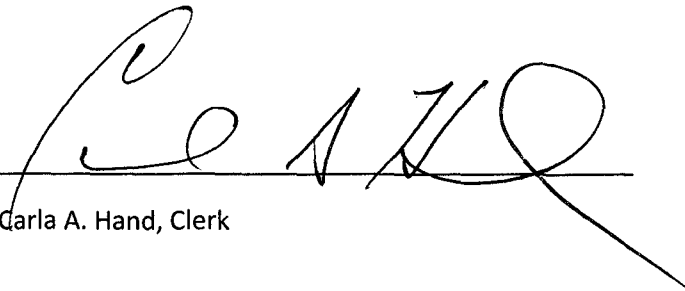
Commissioner Monlyn stated he is dealing with an illegal dumping situation and proposes pushing the debris back onto the residents' property, getting it off of the right of way. There was further discussion.

Attorney Fuqua stated he would prepare the Magnolia Fire Department deed when the County is ready to move forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

  
Gene Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Carla A. Hand, Clerk