

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2018**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN
GENE BAILEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDOUGALD
DENNIS JONES**

**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 McDougald 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 January 9, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes and the January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes; vouchers for warrants: accounts payable warrants – 1801-1SS, 1801-UTL, 1801-2RD, 1801-2G, 1801-2L, 1801-2E, 1801-2S and payroll warrants – PR18-B01, PR011118) was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

SANDY KELLY – SHIP BID

Attorney Fuqua opened and read aloud the SHIP bid.

SHIP Bid			
Client Names	County Estimate	50% Value of home	Guyson Construction
Laura Snowden	\$14,500.00 20% cap \$2,900.00 \$17,400.00	\$18,701.00	\$13,825.00

Attorney Fuqua stated the contractor included all the necessary paperwork in his packet.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the bid from Guyson Construction. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

CDBG BID OPENING

Mr. Brandon Purvis with Dewberry Engineers Inc. /Preble-Rish opened and read the bids aloud.

Calhoun County 2015 CDBG Bids								
Contractor	Total Base Bid	Add. Alt. 1	Add. Alt. 2	Add. Alt. 3	Add. Alt. 4	Ded. Alt 1	Ded. Alt. 2	Ded. Alt. 3
Hale Contracting Inc.	\$873,624.70	\$92,325.00	\$114,784.00	\$179,244.00	\$1,273,428.20	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$30,000.00
Roberts & Roberts, Inc.	\$349,705.15	\$33,543.00	\$39,006.70	\$65,760.70	\$600,507.35	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

Mr. Purvis stated Dewberry would review the bids and bring back a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to table the bid award until the bids have been reviewed. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

JAKE MATHIS, DAVID H. MELVIN, INC – SCRAP RIVER STREET PROJECT

Mr. Mathis updated the Board on the progress of the SCRAP River Street project. Mr. Mathis stated not much work has been done lately on the project, but it is almost complete. Mr. Mathis stated there are a few smaller items left to complete, such as some concrete work and the installation of handrails. Mr. Mathis stated he has tried to contact the contractor to get an idea of when the work may be completed but he has not received a call back. Mr. Mathis stated the final completion date is February 20, 2018, so they should be completing the work shortly. There was further discussion about the project.

JACK HUSBAND, SOUTHEASTERN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. – SCOP SUGGS ATTAWAY ROAD

Mr. Husband updated the Board on the progress of the SCOP Suggs Attaway Road project. Mr. Husband stated he has Pay Request #1, but there are some issues with the request and they are working with the contractor to correct the pay request prior to submission to the County. Mr. Husband stated with no work occurring over the past two (2) weeks, he has not included any new photos with his handout to the Board. Mr. Husband stated a \$43,312.22 increased change order (in the agenda packet) is needed for the project. Mr. Husband stated if the Commission approves the change order tonight, they would send the change order to FDOT for approval. Commissioner Bailey stated the proposed change order would increase the contract by approximately 25%. (Original contract \$174,053.05, proposed \$217,365.27) Mr. Husband explained the increased change order. \$28,110 of the increase is for asphalt patch and base; the remaining balance is for mobilization and maintenance of traffic and installation of a culvert. Mr. Husband stated the prices for the added materials are below the statewide averages. There was further discussion about the change order noting there is approximately \$16,000 in contingency. Commissioner Bailey stated there is a pipe replacement listed, and asked if a pipe was missed in the original bid. Mr. Husband stated there was not any pipe in the original bid.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the change order only for submittal to DOT; the Board’s approval authorizing the contractor to begin work is contingent on receiving additional funding from DOT. Chairman Wise stated the change order explanation states one pipe was removed, and asked if another pipe was being placed. Mr. Husband stated a larger pipe is being installed. Commissioner Bailey asked if the pipe was missed in the plans. Mr. Husband stated he is not sure where the miscommunication happened, but a landowner on the

road requested the pipe, but this information was not relayed to the engineer when the plans were being drawn. There was further discussion about the placement of the pipe. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Bailey asked Mr. Husband if he would be on site when the road is "dug out" to see what the situation is with the ground under the section of asphalt that has cracked. Mr. Husband stated he would be there would make sure the additional two (2) feet of lime rock would fix the issue.

RENEWAL OF INMATE CARE POLICY

Clerk Hand stated the inmate catastrophic care renewal premium for the year beginning February 1 is \$35,493.00; this policy pays for inmate care in excess of \$10,000.00, the annual deductible per inmate. Clerk Hand stated there are usually three (3) or more instances per year when this coverage is used. Clerk Hand stated two companies offer this coverage and quotes were received from both, but the current provider offers the lowest deductible, \$10,000.00. Clerk Hand stated the other company offers a \$15,000 deductible and the premium was essentially the same.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the renewal of the inmate care policy. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

ORDINANCE 2000-01 – LOCAL BIDDER PREFERENCE

Clerk Hand stated she received a suggestion that the Board should amend and clarify the Local Bidder Preference Ordinance. Commissioner Bailey stated the Ordinance should be amended to reflect that the Board would give a bid to the local bidder if they were within 5% of the lowest bid, provided they are willing to match the low bidder.

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey made a motion to amend the Ordinance to reflect that the Board would give a bid to the local bidder if they were within 5% of the lowest bid, provided they are willing to match the low bidder. Commissioner McDougald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

JOHN MORGAN DAVIS, IDA BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mr. Davis stated there have been some issues with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regarding the North Taxiway Extension project, but recently the issues have been resolved. Mr. Davis stated the final approval on the project from the FAA should be received in about two (2) weeks and an advertisement for bids on the project could be issued.

Mr. Davis stated the fuel system at the airport is older and needs to be updated. Mr. Davis stated currently the system runs off two (2) landlines, and they have been having issues with the transmission of information between the tank and the system. Mr. Davis stated Verizon could furnish a line to replace the landlines, which would be faster and more efficient in regard to cost. Mr. Davis stated he requested Mr. Shane Eagleston to get a quote from Qtpod Petroleum on Demand, who is the current provider of the equipment, for an upgrade of the system. Mr. Davis stated the cost of the new model is \$14,995, but since the airport has an existing system with the company, a credit would be issued for \$4,000. Mr. Davis stated one new module would be needed to be installed because the airport has two separate tanks. Mr. Davis stated the entire cost would be about \$13,245 to install the updated system. Mr. Davis stated the airport has been losing some fuel sales due to the system not working correctly. Mr. Davis requested the Board's approval for the new system if funding is available in the budget. Clerk Hand stated the cost of the system is above the Board's Procurement Policy, and that the Board would have to set aside their policy in order for the airport to purchase the equipment. Attorney Fuqua stated the Board would probably want to set aside the policy because the same system is being used and there is a trade in credit for the old system. There was further discussion about funding for the new system.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the new fuel system contingent upon funding being available. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Bailey asked if accepting military credit cards for fuel purchases is still an issue. Mr. Davis stated accepting military credit cards is still an issue with the current system because there is no print out for them to sign. Mr. Davis stated there should be no issue with accepting military credit cards after the new system is installed. There was further discussion about fuel sales at the airport. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

BRANDON PURVIS, DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. /PREBLE-RISH – COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Purvis stated there were no new updates for the Board.

CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Clerk Hand presented the Board with a Memorandum of Support for the Victims of Crime Act for the Sheriff's Office. Clerk Hand asked for permission for the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Support.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Support. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Clerk Hand presented to the Board for approval and execution the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant agreement.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Clerk Hand presented to the Board for approval and execution the agreement with Waste Pro for garbage services to the County. Clerk Hand stated the changes discussed at the last Board meeting have been made.

- ❖ Commissioner McDougald made a motion to approve the agreement with Waste Pro for garbage services to the County. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Clerk Hand stated Attorney Fuqua worked on the agreement with EVT Enterprises, who won the bid for the ambulance retrofit, and Mr. Keith Maddox would present this for approval at the next Board meeting on February 13, 2018.

ATTORNEY FUQUA

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER TIME

COMMISSIONER MCDUGALD

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER JONES

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY

- ❖ Commissioner Bailey stated since there are multiple engineering companies the County works with, and are constantly bidding out projects, he would like to motion that the County advertise

for ongoing engineering consulting services. Commissioner Bailey stated the County could select three (3) to four (4) engineering firms to choose from to work with on projects. Commissioner McDougald asked what the advantage would be if the County does this. Commissioner Bailey stated the County would no longer have to advertise for engineering services, would get better pricing, and the County could use other firms for design services. Commissioner McDougald stated he believes better pricing could be obtained if the County advertised for the services. Commissioner Bailey stated he disagreed because the County does not negotiate as they should. Commissioner Bailey stated the County could not negotiate with the engineering consultant until they are hired. Commissioner McDougald stated he would rather table the item tonight so more research could be done before a decision is made. Chairman Wise seconded the motion. Commissioner McDougald stated he gets the impression some of these issues have been discussed before the Commissioners ever enter a meeting. Commissioner McDougald stated there should be no rush to approve this item tonight. Commissioner Bailey stated there is a rush because there are design services that would be needed in the near future on various projects. Chairman Wise stated he lost three (3) roads because someone put the wrong language on his roads and he lost the ability for them to be included in a bid application. There was further discussion about advertising for engineering services. Commissioner McDougald stated he is not very familiar with the issue and would have liked more time to research the subject. The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner McDougald opposed.

COMMISSIONER HALL

Chairman Wise stated Commissioner Hall (sick) requested (via the Clerk) that Mr. Duncan Harvey with the Mossy Pond Volunteer Fire Department be allowed to address the Board during his time. Mr. Harvey supplied the Board with a handout, and stated he would like to request some financial help. Mr. Harvey stated Mossy Pond VFD has had a tough time financially recently, and their biggest issue is with medical supplies. Mr. Harvey stated Mossy Pond does many medical calls in their area because they are so far away from town, and can reach patients well before the ambulance arrives. Mr. Harvey stated Mossy Pond VFD purchased an AED last year through a fundraiser with the Mossy Pond Library, and over the past thirty (30) days, they have used the device five (5) times. Mr. Harvey stated the pads must be replaced each time the AED is used, and cost \$100 each. Commissioner Jones stated he believes the grant Mr. Keith Maddox is working on is to help the Volunteer Fire Departments purchase AED pads. Mr. Harvey stated Mossy Pond VFD also purchased a new truck recently and they need to convert it into a rescue and brush truck. Mr. Harvey stated the handout presented to the Board is a rough estimate on how much it would cost to convert the truck into a useable vehicle for the fire department. Mr. Harvey stated another AED needs to be purchased for the new truck, along with the other items listed. Mr. Harvey stated the fire department has the money to purchase the items needed, but they would no longer have money to operate the fire department after purchasing the equipment. Mr. Harvey stated some of the items could be received through the forestry department, but the money is required up front and they would have to wait for reimbursement for some of the cost. Mr. Harvey stated he would appreciate the Board looking at the list and possibly finding a way to assist the fire department. Commissioner Bailey asked if good, used equipment could be found, if they would work for the truck. Mr. Harvey stated used equipment would be acceptable. Commissioner Bailey stated the Board might be able to help Mossy Pond VFD find some of the equipment on the list. There was further discussion about equipment for the rescue and brush truck. Mr. Harvey stated anything the Board could do to help would be appreciated.

CHAIRMAN WISE

Chairman Wise asked the Board to be thinking between now and the next Board meeting what employees really need to drive County vehicles home and which do not. Chairman Wise stated he has been questioned by the public about County vehicles being driven home by employees.

Chairman Wise stated he has heard that if a fire department is not called out to a fire, but responds anyway, they are not covered under the County's insurance. Clerk Hand stated she received a call about this today and she called the insurance company, who informed her the fire department would be covered by the insurance because they are working on behalf of the County. There was further discussion about coverage of Volunteer Fire Departments and insurance coverage.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m., CT.



DANNY RAY WISE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CARLA A. HAND, CLERK