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Commissioner Bowman questioned Attorney Corbin about St. Joe Paper Company's lawsuit and the Glory Road. Attorney Corbin advised that at this time the Department of Revenue is carrying the ball on the St. Joe Paper Company lawsuit. However, a pretrial conference is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 1982, with Judge Bailey. He also stated that Judge Bailey would set a trial date Monday at the pretrial conference. He stated that Glory Road had been taken care of.

At this time, the Board decided to meet with the law firm of Baker, McClellan and House and listen to what they have to offer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and duly carried to table hiring of a county attorney until the next regular Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bowman presented a letter from the Department of Veteran and Community Affairs requesting a comprehensive plan for the Town of Altha. Commissioner Bowman stated he will contact Dave Watkins with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

The Board designated Commissioner Bowman to represent Calhoun County on the Committee for the Aging.

Commissioner Bowman advised Faye Bailey had presented a letter to him from Willie D. Wise requesting her position be moved to the Clerk's office.

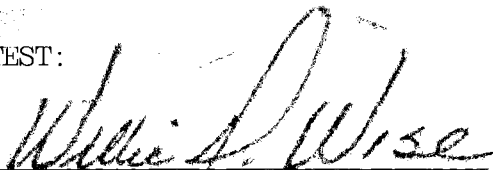
Commissioner Whitfield suggested that the Clerk hold off on the move until December 7, 1982, Board meeting and they would have an opportunity to discuss it with him.

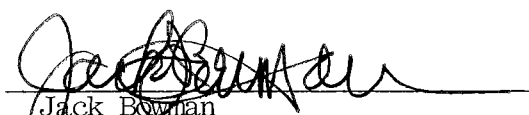
The minutes of the November 2, 1982, meeting were read and approved as read.

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There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
 Willie D. Wise  
 Clerk

  
 Jack Bowman  
 Chairman

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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 1982

The Board of County Commission met this day in regular session with the following members present, to-wit: Jack Bowman, Chairman, Drew Peacock, Monroe Cox, Donnell Whitfield and Roy Bailey.

Willie D. Wise, Clerk, Sheriff William G. Smith and Attorney Bill Corbin were present and acting. the meeting was called to order by Sheriff Smith followed with prayer by Commissioner Cox.

Bids were opened as advertised on the clay pit on Highway 274 on 2-6 acres and are as follows:

HAROLD SHELTON -----	\$1,050.00
ELSIE MacBEAGH -----	206.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to accept the high bid from Harold Shelton on the sale of the clay pit.

Bids were opened as advertised on the air conditioners for the jail and are as follows:

Natkins -----	\$13,402.00
George White -----	7,810.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to accept the low bid from B & E Electrical of \$7,380.00 on the air conditioners.

The Board of Trustees of Calhoun General Hospital met with the Board of County Commissioner to present a resolution entering into an agreement with Santa Fe Health Care System. The Resolution was read by Jack Van Lierop, Chairman of the Calhoun General Hospital Board of Trustees. The Resolution was accepted by the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Bailey and duly carried to adopt the Resolution. (FOR RESOLUTION, SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE BOOK 1, PAGE 39, SECTION D)

Mr. Charlie Russell with the Liberty Ambulance Service met with the Board to see if 3 bills could be paid for ambulance service. Commissioner Bowman stated he would not sign anything to collect the bills. Mr. Russell stated he would put them into small claims court.

Mr. Robert Nations with Florida Engineers presented a survey to the Board on the S. B. Atkins Park. Bill Corbin, County Attorney, stated that he had a lease ready for 7.71 acres to the Creek Indian Tribe on a 25 year lease. The Board agreed to accept the survey on the S. B. Atkins Park from Mr. Nations.

Commissioner Peacock asked Mr. Nations about the Highway 274-E paving and stated he needed to contact Gulf Asphalt about repairs.

Mr. Earnest Mears, temporary Weatherization Supervisor, met with the Board about the truck. Chairman Bowman stated this would be taken up later in the meeting.

Mr. Dave Watkins with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council met with the Board at the Board's request concerning the Planning Grant for the City of Altha. Mr. Watkins stated this would be taken care of Thursday, December 9, 1982. He is to contact Commissioner Peacock.

Attorney Bill Corbin read the Lease Agreement between the Creek Indian Branch, Blountstown, Florida, and the Board of County Commission on 7.71 acres located at the S. B. Atkins Park for 25 year at \$1.00 per year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to accept the Lease.

Ms. Brenda Gatlin with C.A.P. made a report to the Board on the distribution of the cheese and milk by that agency to the citizens of Calhoun County.

Sheriff William G. Smith reported that some \$400.00 had been in his account for years and would be turned back to the Board.

Chairman Bowman stated that on November 29, 1982, at 9:30 A.M. he had terminated Mr. Charles Price for insubordination resulting in Mr. Price refusing to take orders from Board members thru Mrs. Faye Bailey. After some discussion, Chairman Bowman polled the Board - Commissioners Cox and Bailey stated they would go along with Chairman Bowman. Commissioner Whitfield stated that he did not go along with the firing, and he did not believe one commissioner had the authority to hire or fire. Commissioner Bowman stated Earnest Mears had been hired temporarily as superintendent of the Weatherization. All Board members agreed. Commissioner Whitfield stated that Commissioner Bowman had previously made a motion that all hiring and firing would be approved by the Board.

Chairman Bowman reported to the Board on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council concerning the termination of Ed Leuchs as it's Director. Commissioner Bowman recommended that the Board accept the decision of the Executive Board of the Planning Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to accept the decision of the Executive Board of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council concerning Ed Leuchs.

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Commissioner Peacock stated he wanted to know the procedure for naming roads in his district. The Board agreed it was up to each commissioner to name roads in his district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and duly carried to issue a Letter of Competency to Johnny B. Stone, Route 1, Box 225, Blountstown, Florida, as a plumbing and general contractor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to issue a Letter of Competency to William Henry Covington, Route 3, Box 266, Graceville, Florida 32440 as an electrical contractor.

Commissioner Whitfield stated the Board had an interview with Frank Baker as county attorney at 5:00 P.M., and wanted to know why Mr. Corbin was being fired. No answer was given. Commissioner Bailey stated that he would not vote to hire Frank Baker due to a conflict nor would he vote to retain Mr. Corbin due to political reasons.

After reading a letter, the Board agreed not to join the National Association of County Commissioners.

Chairman Bowman read a letter on the sanitary landfill deficiencies from the Department of Environmental Regulation. After discussion, the Board agreed for the Chairman, Clerk and County Attorney to answer this.

A petition was presented to the Board requesting Aultman Street be paved. Commissioner Whitfield stated that easements had to be recorded before action could be taken.

A letter was received concerning the transportation disadvantaged - this is being handled by the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

Mr. Frank Baker was present at 5:00 P.M. to be interviewed for the position of county attorney. Mr. Baker stated he would charge \$450.00 per month retainer, \$40.00 per hour on State Courts, \$50.00 per hour on Federal Courts, and will be present at all meetings and all hours or one of his partners, David House and Hentz McClellan, will be present.

Commissioner Whitfield asked Mr. Baker if he or his firm represented any other parties that the County may be involved with or may cause a conflict. Mr. Baker stated that Hentz McClellan represents the City of Blountstown, and may be doing some work for the Calhoun General Hospital Board. David House represents the Calhoun County School Board, City of Altha and City of Bristol. Commissioner Whitfield stated that the Board also has dealings with these agencies, and it could cause a conflict since Mr. McClellan and Mr. House were his law partners. Mr. Baker stated he doubted this would ever happen.

Mr. Wayne Posey asked if any of the commissioners had requested Mr. Baker to solicit the Board of County Commission's business. Chairman Bowman stated that he had asked Mr. Baker to submit a proposal. Mr. Posey asked if there was a reason for Mr. Corbin to be terminated. Commissioner Bowman stated it was up to the Board to rehire a county attorney at the reorganization of the Board each year. Commissioner Whitfield stated that he was not for terminating Bill Corbin, and that he had done nothing wrong and had done a good job for ten (10) years. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Strawn were also present, and asked if Mr. Corbin had been confronted concerning his meeting attendance or any other complaints. Commissioner Bowman stated he talked to Mr. Corbin one time and Mr. Corbin told him to read his contract. Commissioner Whitfield stated that Mr. Corbin had fulfilled his contract agreement with the Board. Mr. Posey stated it looked like Mr. Bowman had a raw feeling for the county attorney, and he was trying to rawhide him out. Commissioner Bowman stated it may look that way, but he was not. Several people were present on Bill Corbin's behalf and asked for a reason for his termination. No reason was given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock to table this until the next Board meeting until more input is received. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Whitfield voted "no". Commissioners Bowman, Cox, Peacock and Bailey voted "yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Whitfield stated that since Commissioner Bailey's wife worked for Mr. Baker it would be a conflict for him to vote. Commissioner Bailey withdrew his vote, and stated that he was abstaining

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to advertise for any job related positions with the County.

Mrs. Lynn Strawn asked Commissioner Bowman if he had discussed his feelings toward Mr. Corbin with the other Board members. Commissioner Bowman stated he had not.

Mr. Charles Price asked the Board for a letter of termination. The Board agreed.

A letter was received from the Florida Department of Health on the drinking water at the S. B. Atkins Park.

Chairman Bowman questioned a \$2,000.00 bill for the survey of the Victory Hill Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to pay the bill out of the Road and Bridge Fund.

Chairman Bowman recommended that the pickups belonging to HUD and Weatherization be parked each day at the county road yard, and that the drivers no longer be allowed to drive the vehicles home.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to park the HUD and Weatherization pickups at the road department each day after work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and duly carried to draw down \$85,213.00 on the 5th and 6th gas tax monies in accordance with Attorney General's Opinion 82-55, Section 9(C)(5)Article 12, State Constitution.

Willie D. Wise, Clerk, stated Mike Dorsey is paid by his office for 3 days every other week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and duly carried to advertise for a part-time job to be paid from the Weatherization Program out of administrative money.

Commissioner Bowman recommended that Faye Bailey's position not be moved to the Clerk's office. Commissioner Whitfield suggested that the Board table Faye Bailey's position until the next Board meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to approve the minutes of November 16, 1982, as read.

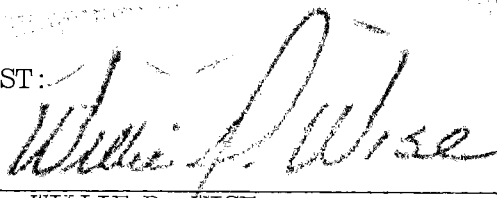
A motion was made by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and duly carried to adopt a Resolution regarding the campsites on the Apalachicola River. (FOR RESOLUTION, SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES BOOK 1, PAGE 40, SECTION D)

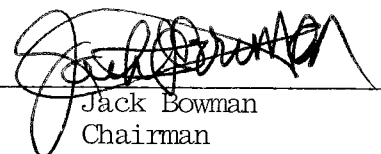
A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Cox and duly carried to adopt a Resolution regarding emergency Ambulance Service. (FOR RESOLUTION, SEE SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES BOOK 1, PAGES 41-42, SECTION D)

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There being no further business, the Board did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
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 WILLIE D. WISE  
 Clerk

  
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 Jack Bowman  
 Chairman