

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 2, 1989

The Board of County Commissioners met this day in regular session.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman
Willie T. Grant
Ellis Melvin
Monore Cox

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
J. David House, County Attorney
William G. Smith, Sheriff

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Smith and followed with prayer by Commissioner Melvin.

The meeting was moved to the court room due to the large number of citizens in attendance.

Eddie Williams presented the board with a petition with approx. 1357 signatures on it opposing the way the garbage pick-up was handled. Approximately 100 citizens were present and posed many questions, and expressed dissatisfaction regarding the length of the county contract with C & N, the containers, individual contracts with C & N, senior citizens rates and etc. Citizens present also requested that the board repeal Ordinance 89-01.

After a long and lengthy discussion, Commissioner Whitfield stated the board was under a consent order to close the landfill on December 31, 1988. He said the board had negotiated with DER and had received an extension on closure until March 31, 1989. He reported the board did not have funds to operate a garbage service for Calhoun County and that the Ordinance had been adopted, a legal and binding contract had been signed, due to the county not having funds. He stated he knew it was not a popular decision and apologized for that.

Attorney House reported he had spoken with Bob Kriegel with DER today, and Mr. Kriegel and in no uncertain terms said Calhoun County would not be allowed to open the landfill and no extensions would be granted.

Commissioner Melvin stated he was against 5 year contracts with customers, against a 30 day option for price increase by C & N and was not in favor of paying 90 days in advance for garbage service. Commissioner Melvin read the minutes from a county record dated January 26, 1989 stating his opposition to mandatory garbage service and stated he still stands today, as he did the day of that meeting.

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Commissioner Cox stated Mr. Newsome had already told people attending the meeting that they only had to pay 1 month at a time and also that C & N would furnish garbage service without requiring customers to sign a contract. Commissioner Cox also stated that at that point and time, C & N was low bidder, had bought all equipment, were properly bonded and insured, and that the board had signed a 5 year contract, we would definitely be in line for a lawsuit with C & N if the board recinded the Ordinance or contract.

After a lengthy discussion, between the board and the audience, Commissioner Whitfield polled the board on repealing Ordinance 89-01
Commissioner Cox -No
Commissioner Grant-No
Whitfield-No
Melvin-No

The board discussed the Comprehensive Plan and after discussion authorized the county attorney to write DCA and request DCA to do a courtesy review of the technical data to determine the sufficiency of the data done by the firms contracted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Ferwood Bailey, the road supt. presented the board with a daily log on his daily activities as Road Supt.

The board approved the road supt. request for annual leave.

Clerk Wise presented:

1) \$562,500. CDBG Grant for processing plant at Ag. Park for signature.
Clerk Wise stated all appropriate parties had reviewed the Grant and after discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Melvin, and duly carried to approve by the chairman signing the \$562,500. CDBG Grant.

2) Department of Commerce Road Grant in the amount of \$198,000. for signature.
The Board approved the \$198,000. Department of Commerce for road in Ag. Park by the chairman signing same.

3) HRS contract for indigent hospital care and eligibility.
A motion was made by Commissioner Melvin, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to enter into a grant agreement with HRS for the indigent billing program.
A motion was made by Commissioner Melvin, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and duly carried to appoint Linda Maines as contract person on HRS indigent billing program.

4) Clerk Wise presented a Stipulation with HRS on \$106,658.20 at 7½ interest, with reference to settlement on indigent care billings.

5) Letter from Crawford & Company and Georgia Casualty Insurance Company with reference Samuel Thomas Accident.

6) Statement from Time Energy, re: 55% savings
A motion was made by Commissioner Melvin, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to purchase equipment from Time Energy for \$10.00 as per contract and not to renew the contract.

7) A letter from Department of Transportation, re: traffic signal timing.

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8) A letter from the Shadaui Temple of Panama City concerning their request for permission for a paper drive.

9) A letter from the City of Altha re: solid waste collection stating Altha has decided not to be a party to any agreement or understanding with the county in regards to garbage collection.

10) DER-re: sanitary landfill closure.

11) 1988 Annual Report of Apalachicola River by the Core of Engineers.

12) Maintenance agreement on Pitney Bowes stamp machines. A motion was made by Commissioner Melvin, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to enter into a maintenance agreement on the stamp machine.

13) Florida Department of Corrections, re: new prison sites. Commissioner Whitfield polled the board with reference to prison site. The board agreed unanimously not to accept sites.

14) A letter from J.T.P.A., re: 50% of salary for J.T.P.A. qualified employees available.

15) Inspection report on the county jail, dated February 29, 1989.

16) A letter from the Department of Corrections to the City Manager, re: natural gas.

17) Letter from Department of Administration to Peter C. Heintz of Calhoun General Hospital, re: retirement for hospital employees.

18) Letter from Vanita Anderson with Calhoun County Senior Citizens, re: solid waste disposal for senior citizens.

19) Letter from Department of Natural Resources, re: boating improvement fund.

Commissioner Melvin presented an estimate cost of bridge replacement on the Willis Bridge between Altha and Shelton's corner at \$219,200.00 and stated he would like the estimate be put on file.

Commissioner Melvin stated he had spoken to Mr. VanLierop, re: moving the Magnolia Church Road and was informed by Mr. VanLierop he would talk to the people concerned and would consider it, however he had not agreed to the moving of the road and was not agreeable to incur any cost for surveying or etc.

Commissioner Cox stated that dirt is having to be hauled 30 miles to Kinard from the Bailey Pit and he had spoken to Doyle Daniels and he would sell the clay pit for \$2,000.00 per acre and he recommended purchasing 2 acres now, and will lease the balance for 15 years. The board agreed by consensus for the Clerk to cut a voucher for payment and for the Clerk to research records for the title.

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The Board of County Commissioners stated the following:
"After discussion and public input, Commissioner Whitfield polled the Board and by 5-0 consensus the Board adopted Ordinance 89-01 as amended." This Ordinance 89-01 was not an amended ordinance. It was the ordinance so advertised concerning Solid Waste Disposal in Calhoun County. The only amendment to the same were those discussed during the meeting.

Dee Ridley was present at the board meeting to discuss the fee for lights at S. B. Atkins Park. Commissioner Whitfield stated that West Florida Electric had presented the following rates for the lights on the fields and that a rate adjustment would be made. (see attached schedule for rates per field)

Commissioner Whitfield stated that the Apalachee Valley Nursing Home requested that the Board of County Commissioners cook fish for the patients on May 20, 1989 for National Nursing Home Week. The Board agreed to cook the fish and for the Nursing Home to be notified of same.

Commissioner Whitfield stated the board had discussed hiring a consultant to provide information regarding Recontek's processes and reported that after research, the board did contact Tate C. Bucannan, management consultant to make a recommendation about Recontek's locating in Calhoun County.

The minutes of the special meeting on April 4, and regular meeting on April 4, special meeting April 18, workshop and April 18, regular meeting were read and approved, as amended.

There being no further business to come before this body, they did then adjourn.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk

DONNELL WHITFIELD, Chairman