

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
JULY 3, 1990

*Approved,*

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

Commissioners present:  
S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman  
James Dillard  
Ellis Melvin  
Truman Grant  
Monroe Cox

Present and acting:  
Willie D. Wise, Clerk  
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant  
Joyce Riddle, Deputy Clerk  
J. David House, County Attorney  
Michael Morris, Deputy Sheriff

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cox and followed with prayer by Commissioner Cox and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commissioner Whitfield, Clerk Wise and County Attorney David House arrived late due to attending Hospital meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Dillard to accept and approve the minutes of June 19, 2nd by Commissioner Grant, Motion carried 4-0.

Marsha Harpool, Arpc, presented letter to Chairman Whitfield, Re: Concerning postponing of bid opening for processing plant and equipment (see attachment). Commissioner Dillard made motion to allow Charles Gaskin, Architect to provide additional engineering services to finalize the plans or specs. for building and engineering at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00, 2nd by Commissioner Grant, Motion carried 5-0.

At this time, Commissioner Cox relinquished Chair to Commissioner Whitfield.

The Board presented Weatherization Bids to<sup>be</sup> opened. Commissioner Dillard asked if the high Workman's Comp. Insurance could be waived. The County Attorney advised them no, they had to go by the Florida Statutes. Faye Bailey, Weatherization Coordinator talked with the two contractors who had bid and they indicated they could not afford the Worker's Comp. Insurance that came into effect July 1, 1990. Commissioner Whitfield said there was no need to open Weatherization Bids at this time due to the fact that the two contractors that bid did not have the proper Worker's Comp. Insurance. Motion by Commissioner Grant to advertise to hire a temporary Carpenter and a Temporary Carpenter's Helper with no benefits with all expenses to be paid out of the Weatherization Grant. 2nd by Commissioner Dillard, Motion carried 5-0.

Carol Barton from Internal Revenue Service was present. Re: Notice of levy for past due payroll taxes on Hospital. After meeting with Carol Barton of the IRS concerning taxes owed on Hospital, Ms. Barton advised the BCC as follows:

- 1) Calhoun General Hospital owes IRS \$140,000.00 more or less for payroll taxes.
- 2) Ms. Barton levied the State of Florida for the third and fourth quarter Rural Health Care Money due County, but learned County already had money received from Grant.
- 3) Ms. Barton levied BCC.
- 4) Ms. Barton advised that if BCC did not pay \$125,000.00 that BCC could face federal suit and penalties of \$70,000.00 could be levied against BCC.
- 5) Commissioner Whitfield advised BCC that Laddie Williams, Calhoun General Hospital Chairman Board of Trustees indicated he would advise Board of Trustees to do the following acts in return for the County paying IRS.
  - A) Pay balance owed to IRS (\$140,000.00 - \$125,000.00) within 10 days.
  - B) Execute whatever assurances that Board of Trustees would assign to Division of Retirement the costs reimbursement monies Hospital was to receive up to amount owed Division of Retirement. Based on above understanding Motion made by Commissioner Grant, 2nd by Commissioner Cox, Motion carried 5-0.Ms. Barton advised the BCC that she intends to monitor the next two quarters on payroll taxes.

Mr. Thomas C. Hardestry of Continental Blade was present at the meeting and showed a demonstration video on a tractor-mounted spreading and grading implement. The Board agreed for Mr. Hardestry to give a demonstration on the grading implement on Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioner Cox explained the procedure for spending monies (640.00) budgeted to each fire department to Mr. Joe Barker, Assistant Fire Chief, Kinard Fire Dept. Commissioner Cox advised that the fire departments could, after obtaining a purchase order from the Clerk's Office, purchase up to the budgeted amount and have the Board billed, or the fire depts. could pay for the equipment and then present paid invoices to the Board for reimbursement. He also stated any funds not spent in the budget year did not carry over into the new budget year for the departments.

Attorney House presented to the Board for review a draft Ordinance on Animal Control.

Attorney House also reported, on July 19th, a mediation conference will be held with the Board Chairman, County Attorney, arbitrators and DER regarding the landfill.

Motion by Commissioner Dillard, 2nd by Commissioner Grant and duly carried to advertise the Notice of Intention to consider adoption of Ordinance granting to Integrated Telecommunications Corporation a non-exclusive franchise.

Commissioner Whitfield presented correspondence received by the Board as follows:

Letter from Virgil Mayo, Public Defender  
RE: requesting additional phone line for fax machine

After discussion, Motion by Comm. Grant, 2nd by Dillard and duly carried to install an additional telephone line to the Public Defenders Office for a fax machine.

Letter from Dept. of Revenue  
RE: Increase in sales tax on Motor and Special Fuels.

Letter from McClellan & House, P.A. to Earl Hines, T.C.I. Cable Vision requesting a check in the amount of \$2,669.62 representing the amount due for 1989 Franchise Tax fee for the unincorporated acres of Calhoun County that T.C.I. Cable Vision has in service.

Commissioner Whitfield reported to the Board on the Conference he attended in Gainesville on the Health Care Responsibility Act. Commissioner Whitfield also reported he did not bill the Board of Commissioners for travel.

The Clerk reported that American Medical Security (the ins. co. that was awarded the group health contract) had refused coverage on certain county employees unless higher rates were paid and was returning county premiums for ins. coverage. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to award the group health coverage to BC/BS, the 2nd low bidder.

Commissioner Grant reported the Scout Hut had been without air conditioning for the past 3 years and since it is used for a voting house, scouting, 4-H and other activities, he had obtained 3 quotes for a 24,000 BTU air conditioner and requested Board approval to purchase. Quotes are as follows:

McClellan's Home Furnishings \$709.95  
Badcock's \$799.96  
White's Air Conditioning \$850.00

After review and discussion, Motion by Grant, 2nd by Dillard and duly carried to accept low quote from McClellan's Home Furnishings for \$709.95 for a 24,000 BTU Air Conditioner for the Scout Hut and for air conditioner to be added to the inventory list.

Clerk Wise presented the Board with a balanced budget for FY 90-91 with a total taxable value of \$130,311,000. Total budget of \$3,430,031 that will take 14.735 mills to fund. The Budget will have to be cut \$617,000 to get down to a 10 Mill Cap.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn.