

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 16, 1999

PRESENT AND ACTING:

EARL HUNT
FRED ATTAWAY
DUANE CAPPS
S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
TRUMAN GRANT

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK
JANICE HOLLEY, DEPUTY CLERK
MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Vickery, prayer by Commissioner Whitfield and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Don A. "Sonny" O'Bryan, Director of Emergency Management/Grants Coordinator read the advertisement for bids on newspaper and cardboard. The following sealed bids to purchase newspaper and cardboard from the Calhoun County Recycling Center were opened.

	NEWSPAPER	CARDBOARD
WASTE/RECYCLING	\$32.50	N/B
RECYCLED FIBERS	32.57	\$42.59
CUMBAA ENTERPRISES	35.35	47.52

Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the contract be awarded to the highest bidder, Cumbaa Enterprises. A motion was made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Hunt that the contract be awarded to Cumbaa Enterprises. Commissioner Capps and Attaway voted yes, with Commissioner Whitfield abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Mr. O'Bryan presented proposals for household solid waste curbside removal in the unincorporated areas of Calhoun County from Waste Management and American Commercial Waste Disposal, Inc. After committee review, Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that American Commercial Waste Disposal, Inc. be awarded the contract. Mr. Rory Cassidy of Waste Management addressed the Board in reference to Waste Management's proposal. Commissioner Whitfield asked Gary Tennyson of American Commercial Waste if the citizens would be billed for services not rendered. Mr. Tennyson said they would not. Mr. Tennyson further stated that there would be a toll-free number for the citizens to call and report problems. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to accept Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation to award the solid waste contract to American Commercial Waste Disposal, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board that they enter into contract for appraisal service with Peacock Appraisal Services, the only bidder. Mr. O'Bryan stated he had negotiated with Peacock to lower the price per appraisal from \$900.00 to \$450.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to accept Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation to enter into contract with Peacock Appraisal Services.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that two proposals for review appraisals were received and are as follows:

Pippen Appraisal Services \$750.00
Carlton Appraisal Services \$294.00

Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the low quote be accepted. A motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to accept Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation to grant Carlton Appraisal Services the award for review appraisal services at \$294.00 each.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board that proposals for title search/closing agent were received from Downum Title Services, Inc. and Calhoun-Liberty Abstract Company. Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the Board enter into contract with Calhoun-Liberty Abstract Company for title search/closing agent services since they had the lowest quote. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield and carried to accept Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation to accept Calhoun-Liberty Abstract Company's proposal.

Mr. O'Bryan reported that only one bid, from Broward Davis & Associates, Inc. was received for surveyors. Mr. O'Bryan further stated that, after negotiation with Robert Nations of Broward Davis & Associates, Inc., no reduction in price could be agreed upon. Due to budget constraints, Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the Board reject the only proposal for surveys, Broward Davis & Associates, Inc. and re-advertise for surveys only. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to readvertise for surveyors.

Mr. O'Bryan reported that he negotiated with Debbie Roumelis of Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. concerning the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application. Mr. O'Bryan explained that, after negotiation, Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc. would receive a \$10,000 fee for writing the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant application only if DCA funds the application. In the event that the application is not funded, the Board will owe Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc., nothing. Any other administrative services required by Roumelis Planning & Development Services, Inc. will be paid at the rate of \$73.33 per hour. After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan recommended that the Board enter into contract with Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. for the above stated services. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to enter into a contract with Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc.

Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on the El Nino (CDBG and HMGP) Acquisition Program. He reported that the 1999 CDBG application has been approved and returned by the state. The HMGP application for DR-1035 has not been executed by the state since state match has not yet been obtained. Furthermore, Mr. O'Bryan updated the Board on the CDBG/HMGP Application Workshop held March 4, 1999. Mr. O'Bryan informed the Commissioners that 30 people had attended the workshop, 18 of those being original applicants. In the original application there were 21 applicants for HMGP and five for CDBG.

Mr. O'Bryan asked the Board to grant 160' of additional land for the Calhoun County Recycling Center on Magnolia Church Road. Approximately 260' lies between the recycling center and the Division

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of Forestry property. Commissioner Whitfield stated that 80% to 100% needed to be left. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to table the issue pending IDA Board approval.

Mr. O'Bryan reported to the Board about the potential accountability problem of purchasing aluminum with petty cash at the recycling center. Mr. O'Bryan suggested as an option that a checking account be created in the Clerk's Office to alleviate the need for petty cash at the recycling center and to improve accountability. After lengthy discussion, the Board rejected the suggestion due to the fact that it would be too time consuming and, by consensus, agreed to continue using petty cash.

Mr. O'Bryan reported that he and Emergency Management Coordinator Renee Tolley had attended a CDBG workshop on El Nino Grande funding. According to Mr. O'Bryan, there is \$18.36 million available, with an application minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$2 million. 57 counties including Calhoun are eligible to apply for this funding. The funds are 75% federal, 12.5% state and 12.5% local. Mr. O'Bryan suggested that the Board and the City of Blountstown enter into an interlocal agreement to improve Calhoun County's funding posture and give us project flexibility. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to apply for these funds and enter into necessary agreements.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter from DEP for the Board's information. (See attached).

Mr. O'Bryan presented an amendment to the existing contract with DCA on the Local Mitigation Strategy fourth quarter deliverables extending the deadline from December 18, 1998, to March 23, 1999. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to execute the modified contract.

Mr. O'Bryan presented for the Board's review a layout of copy to be inscribed on a plaque at Four Mile Creek Park. (See Attached). The plaque is a requirement of the FRDAP Grant Funding.

A review of the road grader advertisement was presented to the Board for review.

Mr. C. L. Capps addressed the Board thanking Commissioner Capps for supporting the community on Highway 69S. Mr. Capps stated the community still did not want a private prison on Hwy. 69S. Commissioner Capps stated that he was standing behind the majority of the people. Commissioner Whitfield stated that the Board had voted unanimously not to accept the private prison on Hwy. 69S.

Clerk Wise stated that River Valley Foods had filed a damage report on the freezer at the Catfish Processing Plant and had reported it to the insurance company.

Clerk Wise stated that the Article V money was still on hold due since the plans on the courthouse roof were still incomplete.

Clerk Wise presented a contract for approval from DEA, Law Enforcement Drug Program. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Whitfield, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to approve contract.

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Clerk Wise discussed with the Board a request to the Florida Association of Counties to refund the \$3,000 paid for Article V revision unless more control of the spending is designated to the Board of Commissioners.

The Board adjourned at 7:00 P.M. to go into a Planning Commission Meeting.

The Board reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

Clerk Wise presented Fla. Communities Trust Final Stages on the Yon Property.

The proposed Uniform Property Numbering Ordinance, No. 99-1, was read aloud by Attorney Fuqua. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Whitfield with Commissioner Attaway voting no to adopt Ordinance No. 99-1. Fuqua.

Commissioner Capps discussed with the Board S. B. Adkins Park being used by people from out of the county and what fees, if any, should be collected. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to review and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hunt addressed the Board in reference to trees being cut on county right-of-ways. After discussion the Board directed Commissioner Hunt to file criminal charges with the Sheriffs Office and for Attorney Fuqua to draft an ordinance prohibiting this in the future.

The Board was presented with specifications on road graders for their review. After discussion the Board decided to hold a workshop in the EOC Office of the Courthouse at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 18, 1999 to review the grader specs.

Commissioner Grant addressed the Board in reference to changing the speed limit from 55mph to 45mph on Hwy. 69S and for Mr. Cooner to put up the signs on Hwy. 69S at Calhoun Corrections. Commissioner Grant requested that the troopers patrol the area. The Board directed the Clerk's Office to draft a letter to the Superintendent of the Prison complaining about the excessive speed and running of the stop sign.

Commissioner Grant stated a motor needed to be replaced in a ^{grader} at the road yard. The Board directed Commissioner Hunt and Bill Adkins to check on the grader and report back to the Board.


Commissioner Hunt suggested to the Board that the grinders should be removed from the Road Dept. shop and placed in a small building at the road yard so the inmates could get equipment easier. After discussion the Board agreed by consensus to build a small building for storage of the grinders.

The minutes of March 2, 1999 were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the Board did adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

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WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK


DUANE CAPPS, CHAIRMAN

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