

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20,2000

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

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

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

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for County Ordinance 2000-2, relating to the Assessment of a six-cent per gallon gasoline and fuel tax to be known as the "Local Option Gas Tax. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to adopt said ordinance.

Attorney Fuqua read the advertisement for the Small County Resurfacing Assistance Program (SCRAP) for resurfacing on Hwy 69A and 274 East. The bids were as follows:

	<u>COUNTY ROAD 69A</u>	<u>COUNTY ROAD 274</u>
Granger Asphalt -	\$ 974,216.30	\$ 634,775.00
Peavy & Son Construction -	1,044,354.25	679,567.67
C.W. Roberts -	897,664.95	602,305.75
Baxter's Asphalt -	912,304.30	614,796.00
Triangle Construction -	1,328,002.25	926,190.88

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to accept low bid from C.W. Roberts Contracting on CR 274 East and CR 69-A, providing bids meet specifications and contract budget constraints. The Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to contact Preble-Rish and Harold Pickron, Road. Supt., review the bids and report back at the next board meeting.

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Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director presented a priority list for the funding of Small County Outreach Program (SCOP). Mr. O'Bryan presented a list of roads Bill Kennedy with Preble-Rish, Inc., Harold Pickron, Calhoun County Road Supt. and he recommended for resurfacing. (See attached). After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried for County Road 274W be first priority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to for CR 275 South (Clark Road) to be the second road.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the board for their approval, Calhoun County's Host Shelter Plan. After Mr. O'Bryan's recommendation, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to approve Calhoun County's Host Shelter Plan as written.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board requesting an amendment to the Demolition Contracts with Ducky Johnson. Mr. O'Bryan recommended to the Board to grant Mr. Johnson a thirty (30) day extension to complete the demolition projects. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to grant an extension on Mr. Johnson's contracts for thirty (30) additional days, beginning 6/20/00.

Mr. O'Bryan presented the board a letter from Governor Bush and Bob Crawford, Commissioner of Agriculture updating them on the wildfires and drought damages to agriculture in Florida.

Mr. O'Bryan presented Resolution 2000-13 out lining natural disasters and agriculture production losses in Calhoun County for adoption. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to adopt said resolution.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter from Shirley Collins, Bureau Chief for recovery and Hazard Mitigation Section, Fla. Department of Emergency Management, approving Calhoun county's request for an Improved Project to Parrish Lake Road, Damage Survey Reports # 13278, and #17573 for Dr-1249.

Mr. O'Bryan presented a letter from Mr. Thomas Vaughn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation. According to Mr. Vaughn, the final permits for Ocheessee Landing and Lamb Eddie Boat Ramp Projects have been received by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the project should begin as soon as possible in July 2000.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that the appeal on Calhoun County's FIRM Maps has been mediated.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that Harold Pickron, Road Department Supt. reported that the water well at the Road Department was not functional and needed a new well. Commissioner

Whitfield reported that Dan Yoder, Calhoun County Health Department, recommended a shock treatment and if that failed a new well would have to be drilled.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board concerning caution lights on FDOT Highways. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. O'Bryan to check with FDOT District Secretary, Prescott, and report back to the board.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board at the request of the IDA Board concerning the Catfish Processing Lease. Clerk Wise stated that the locks should be changed at the plant. After discussion, the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to file an eviction notice to Mr. David Balenger.

Mr. O'Bryan stated that the IDA Board Members would like to be sworn in at the July 11, 2000 Board meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to swear in the IDA members.

Ms. Pat Brightwell, Unifirst addressed the Board in reference to the purchase of rugs, rags, etc. She addressed the Board earlier and was awarded the Uniform Contract but the board had a five (5) year contract with Aramark. After discussion the Board directed Shannon Segers to research and report back to the board.

Mr. Steve Williams addressed the Board in reference to the playground on the corner of Azalea and Pear Street. Mr. Williams stated that the equipment needed to be repaired before someone was hurt. After discussion the Board directed Tim Jenks, Maintenance and Commissioner Grant to research and report back to the Board.

Ms. Barbara Ellison addressed the Board in reference to the paving of White Water Grade Road. After a lengthy discussion and input from Clifford Newsome and other members of the audience, a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway to finish all DSR's and begin work on White Water Grade. The motion dies from lack of a second. The Board discussed the White Water Grade Road in length and a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for the first money received for new construction be used to pave White Water Grade. When a show of hands was requested for those who were interested in having White Water Grade paved there were approximately fifty (50) in the room and twenty-five (25) standing in the hall.

Attorney Fuqua presented the Personnel Policy for review. After discussion and requested changes were made the board directed Attorney Fuqua to prepare and report back to the board.

The Board discussed an Interlocal Agreement be prepared between the City of Blountstown and Calhoun County for the use of their bucket truck to change the bulbs at all caution lights. Attorney Fuqua to contact Hentz McClellan, City Attorney and report back to the Board.

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Attorney Fuqua stated that the City of Altha had passed an Interlocal Agreement for the Board of County Commissioners to provide assistance to the Town of Altha to maintain streets and roads. Attorney Fuqua stated that Altha cannot have an Interlocal Agreement unless Blountstown participates. The Board directed Attorney Fuqua to review and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Whitfield addressed the Board in reference to GT Com laying cable in the County and cutting county pipes. After discussion the Board directed Attorney Fuqua to write a letter to GT Com and Trawick.

Clerk Wise addressed the Board in reference to specifications on offices in the courthouse being in compliance with ADA. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to advertise for counters in the courthouse. The specifications will be individual for each office.

Attorney Fuqua stated that the claim on Clarence Reed's vehicle was denied by the Insurance Company stating it was an act of god.

Ken Mears, Workers Comp. Coordinator sent a letter of resignation to the BCC. After discussion Clerk Wise recommended the Janice Holley and Gail O'Bryan assume the responsibility of Workers Comp Coordinator and divide the salary equally. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried for Janice and Gail to assume the responsibility of Workers Comp Coordinator and divide the money equally with the money being transferred to the Clerk's Budget from the general fund.

Ms. Janice Moore asked the Board if Mr. Mears had to take a leave of absence from his probation job while running for a public office. After discussion the Board was polled and Commissioner Attaway stated that the item # 4 be struck from the Personnel Policy stating the leave of absence would be taken. Commissioner Hunt stated it should be changed January 1, 2001, Commissioner Grant stated a leave of absence should be taken, Commissioner Capps stated that the item # 4 should be struck effective immediately that a leave of absence should be taken. A motion was made by Commissioner Capps that the current policy should be changed immediately so that employees do not have to take a leave of absence while running for a public office. Motion fails 3-2. Tabled until next Board Meeting.

Sheriff Smith updated the Board on the County Jail. After discussion the Board directed the Sheriff and Tim Jenks, Maintenance Dept. to obtain a cost from the City of Blountstown for a lift station for the jail and report back to the board. The Sheriff discussed building an inmate building due to the over crowding at the jail. A motion was

made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hunt to oppose the building. Commissioner Attaway stated the Blue Building should be utilized for the inmates.

Commissioner Attaway asked Mr. Jenks the status of the bathrooms being built at Shelton Park. Mr. Jenks sated that the slab had been poured.

Commissioner Grant stated that construction on Inez Lockwood's house had not be started. After discussion it was consensus of the Board to take the next lowest bidder for the house, if present contractor doesn't start immediately..

Commissioner Capps addressed the Board in reference to the Church and Pony League scheduling of the ball fields. After discussion the Board asked Chairman Whitfield to talk to the leagues.

Commissioner Attaway addressed the Board in reference to the rental of the Excavator for an additional month. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to rent the Excavator for an additional month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to advertise for purchase of a used Excavator with Commissioner's Whitfield and Attaway voting no.

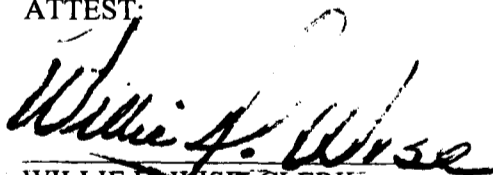
Commissioner Hunt addressed the Board in reference to the Grader men driving their own vehicles to the job instead of a county vehicle. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt that each grader employee have a tow bar placed on their vehicle. Motion dies from lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant that the grader men can not drive a county vehicle to their job. Commissioners' Attaway, Whitfield and Capps voting no.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fla. Dept. of Transportation – Visitor's Driving Tour to the Garden of Eden
2. DCA – Shelter Workshop.

There being no further business, the board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD,
CHAIRMAN

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