

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2000

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

MATT FUQUA, ATTORNEY
WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK
BARBARA MCGILL, DEPUTY CLERK

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

Bid advertisement on (1) one used excavator was read by Attorney Fuqua. There was only one bid presented from Thompson Tractor in the amount of \$87,836.86. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Grant and carried to purchase excavator in the amount of \$87,836.86 from Thompson Tractor. Commissioner's Whitfield and Attaway voting no.

Bid advertisement for ADA-Courthouse counters was read by Attorney Fuqua. There was only one bid presented from Panama Millworks and Caseworks, Inc. in the amount of \$31,552.00. After discussion the bid was tabled until the Clerk Wise presented the measurements.

Mr. Ralph Cellon addressed the Board in reference to Single Family Housing. Mr. Cellon presented a Public Notice to conduct a Public Hearing on August 17, 2000 at 6:00 P. M. in the Boardroom of the Courthouse. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to advertise for the Public Hearing .

Mr. Harold Pickron, Road Supt. updated the Board on the DSR's and stated the Road Dept. was in good shape.

Mr. Don A. O'Bryan, Emergency Management Director, addressed the Board in reference to the bids on 69A and 274E. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to award the contract to C.W. Roberts in the amount of \$1,499,970.70 for CR 69A and 274E. Mr. O'Bryan presented the Notice of Award and Agreement for CR 274E and 69A for signature.

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Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board concerning quotes on Limerock Base FOB to each site on material and freight; quotes on material only; and quotes on freight only. After discussion the Board advised Mr. O'Bryan and Mr. Pickron to make recommendations on the best quote at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board concerning the County assisting the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission with the construction of a new Ocheessee Boat Ramp and Lamb Eddy Boat Ramp by providing concrete rubble and disposal of limbs and debris. The Board agreed unanimously to assist the state.

Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Board concerning complaints on the condition of Neal Landing and the need for repair work to be done while the river is low. The Board advised Mr. O'Bryan to check on the balance of the Boating Improvement Fund and the estimated cost of repair and report back at the next board meeting.

Mr. O'Bryan presented to the Board a Notice of award from the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, FRDAP Grant of \$50,000 for Kinard Recreational Park Phase II and a Notice of Award for \$50,000 for the Acquisition of Land for Ocheessee Recreational Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to authorize Mr. O'Bryan to submit letters accepting the Grant.

Mr. O'Bryan discussed with the Board the need for renting or purchasing a vibratory single drum soil compactor. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Sonny O'Bryan and Mr. Harold Pickron to formulate specifications and to advertise for renting a vibratory single drum soil compactor for six months with option to buy at the end of the rental period. A motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Capps and carried to advertise for said equipment and to accept bids on August 1st meeting.

Mr. O'Bryan presented for Board consideration an Interlocal Agreement between Okaloosa County and Calhoun County for the request and use of the Cooperative Collection Center Arrangement Grant. Mr O'Bryan advised that this grant allows the County to have a household hazardous waste collection day. Calhoun County will agree to pay up to 25% of the collection cost not to exceed \$2,500. A motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and carried to execute said agreement.

Recess at 3:30 P.M.

Reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

Ms. Samatha Taylor, Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Harry Rogers with Big River Cypress addressed the Board in reference to a resolution establishing an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granting businesses a tax exemption on Ad valorem Taxes. After discussion a

motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded by Commissioner Hunt and carried to execute said resolution.

Mr. James Sexton addressed the Board in reference to road closure on Lake and Bay Street and Water to Spring Street. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Attaway, seconded Commissioner Capps and carried to advertise for a Public Hearing to close the roads.

Ms. Phyllis Lord addressed the Board in reference to the changing of the name of the Baggett Road. No action was taken.

Ms. Barbara Ellison addressed the Board in reference to the paving of White Water Grade Road.

Ms. Janice Moore addressed the Board in reference to the 1-cent sales tax.

Recess 4:30 P.M.

Reconvened at 4:40 P.M.

Attorney Fuqua swore in Maxi Waldorff and Greg Jones to the IDA board.

A Lease Policy was presented to the Board for signature recognizing the importance of Claxon County to the community and the Florida Aviation System. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Capps to execute said Lease Policy.

Mr. Bud Terry addressed the Board in reference to the ten (10) acres adjoining to Agriculture Park. After discussion the Board agreed to negotiate with Attorney Fuqua being the negotiator.

Attorney Fuqua addressed the Board in reference to changing the locks at the Catfish Processing Plant. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to change the locks. Commissioner Attaway stated he would contact Tim Jenks in the Maintenance Dept. and have him change the locks.

Attorney Fuqua updated that Board on all Workers Comp.

Clerk Wise presented presented the Board with the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 proposed budget in the amount of \$5,695,382.00 with a millage of 11.72. The total amount to be cut from the budget is \$386,140.00.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board to consider raising Harold Pickron's salary from \$22,000.00 annually to \$25,000.00 annually. After discussion a motion was made by

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Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Attaway and carried to raise Mr. Pickron's salary to \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Attaway addressed the board in reference to Attorney Fuqua placing the dog ordinance on a referendum in November, 2000. Attorney Fuqua stated that he had spoken with Martin Sewell and it would be placed on referendum in November, 2000.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Dept. of Transportation – S.R. 73 North, Chason Community, Intersection with C.R. 274.
2. Honorable Phillip Knight – Leave of absence – County Probation Office.
3. DEP – Kinard Recreation Park – Phase II, and Ocheessee Park
4. Dept. of Air Force – operational Wing Beddown
5. DCA – Technology Update
6. ARPC – Annual Report
7. DEP – Wetland Mitigation Assessment
8. Dept. of Transportation – Small County Outreach program

There being no other business, the Board did adjourn.

ATTEST:


WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN